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Grounds worker Lloyd Dowling, seen here sweeping up Campus Walk, is one of the classified staff who will get an increase in pay for the first time in years due to a new state program aimed at making salaries more adequate.

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State Provides Raise For 35 Percent of Classified Staff

By Candy Standley
Bullet Staff Writer

A pilot program from Virginia's Department of Personnel and Training (DPT) has given \$1 of Mary Washington College's 232 classified staff members a pay raise.

The DPT, which acts as the state's human resources department, approved the raises based on a study focused on jobs at MWC that showed recurring problems in recruitment and retention, according to Sabrina Johnson, assistant vice president for human resources.

MWC received a \$100,000 appropriation from the General Assembly this year to address recruitment and retention problems as a result of that study. The money provided each position the DPT identified with a pay differential which took effect on Aug. 10, 1998.

A graduated step-scale based on position is used to determine the compensation for state employees. "Position grade and step remained

the same for identified job classifications; however, a 9.3 percent differential was added to make salaries more comparable with the market and to recruit and retain qualified employees," Johnson said.

Johnson said that the positions given the higher pay scale included jobs in housekeeping, grounds workers, the police management series, the police dispatcher and heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

"We think it's wonderful, and a lot of thanks goes to [President William] Anderson and to human resources," Joni Wilson, director of landscape and grounds said.

Wilson, whose salary is not directly affected, said that her staff is pleased. "I'm sure they are very happy to see that increase in their pay. It gives our work credibility. It means something and it's a great way to reinforce productivity."

Richard Blair, who is in charge of grounds maintenance, and will be affected by the program.

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Forum Mulls Future Of Social Security

By Mark H. Rodeffer
Bullet Assistant News Editor

Two social security experts spared Wednesday night over how to reform Social Security and make sure it is in place for generations to come.

Sam Beard, founder and director of Economic Security 2000, a nonpartisan educational organization, and Hans Riemer, director of the 2030 Center, a research and advocacy group, each presented different ways to reform Social Security.

Riemer advocated a number of changes to reform Social Security, such as increasing the amount of income that can be taxed, and having the federal government invest surplus

Social Security tax receipts in the private sector.

Riemer said that fears that Social Security will be gone when college-age students retire are unfounded.

"Even if we did nothing to fix it, you would get 75 percent of what you were due," Riemer said.

Calling the current Social Security system a Ponzi scheme, Beard said he wants the federal government to mandate that individuals invest \$1,000 a year to save for retirement, which he said would provide retirees with more than the current system.

"Let's put the power of compound interest to work," he said.

Senior Marty Molloy, an audience

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Club Cuts Ties To Lobby Group

By Mark H. Rodeffer
Bullet Assistant News Editor

The Mary Washington Gun Club was officially affiliated with the National Rifle Association, a national lobby group that promotes the right to bare arms, from the fall semester of 1997 until Tuesday, September 15.

While the group was affiliated with the NRA, the club received funding from the college, a violation of the college's policy that no club affiliated with a political group can receive state funds.

Andrew Harvey, vice president

of the gun club, said that a series of oversights led neither the gun club, nor the Inter-Club Association which oversees all clubs, to notice this violation until they learned this story was being written.

Nathan Hurto, president of the gun club, said that after he learned that the Bullet was investigating the affiliation, the club looked to see if there was a problem.

When they learned of the policy and realized they were

violating it, Hurto said, the club cut its ties to the NRA on Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Hurto said in a letter to the Bullet that when he learned that the affiliation "may be in violation of rules set forth by the college and the Commonwealth of Virginia," he contacted the coach of another college's gun club, George Mason University's Rifle Team, to see if the club was breaking the non-

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Students, Alumni React To Homecoming Changes

By Angela M. Zosel
Bullet Associate Editor

One week after the report that tailgating will not be allowed at Homecoming this year, an overwhelming majority of MWC students and alumni are frustrated and planning to take action.

"Currently I'm receiving over 10 e-mails a day regarding Homecoming, and we're drawing up plans to counteract this repression," said Todd Palcic, a 1996 graduate and former Student Government Association vice president.

Other alumni agree with Palcic. The resounding feeling among alumni is that, just like 100th Night and Senior Toast, another popular tradition is being changed.

"I think it's really stupid," said Melissa

Kurutz, a 1994 graduate. "This was the only tradition left, and they decide to take it away. A lot of people aren't going to want to come back, because that was all there was to come back to."

Administrators said the changes are being made in an effort to comply with the Attorney General's Task Force on College Drinking, of which MWC President William Anderson is a member. Administrators said curbing underage drinking is an important concern.

This year, the Wood Company will have a tent set up at the Battleground. Alumni and students who are of-age will be able to purchase alcoholic beverages in the tent. For \$5, students will receive a meal and four beverage tickets.

But this plan doesn't seem satisfactory to many students. The tent will not be in view of the athletic fields, so one concern is that of-age attendees won't be able to watch the sports events while

they socialize with friends.

Eric Watkins, a 1996 graduate, said this set-up will prevent him from hanging out with underage friends who won't be allowed in the tented area.

"I think the reason most people come back is to cut loose with friends," Watkins said. "It's not about getting smashed, but there's no opportunity to really socialize if you're quarantined over in a tent."

Jenna Frye, a sophomore, said she supports the theory that the college should try to curb underage drinking. However, Frye thinks a separate tent is the wrong way to accomplish the goal.

"I think it's good that they're taking a stand against underage drinking, but this is going to

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Clubs' Proposed Budgets Slashed

By Shawna Shepherd
Bullet Assistant News Editor

The finance committee of the Inter-Club Association has had to cut the proposed budgets of every student club and organization for the second straight year. The latest cut takes 10 percent off the total amount of money asked for by these student groups and leaves money for some finance committee funds.

The number of clubs has stayed relatively the same, according to Nancy Thompson, budget manager for the college. There were 59 clubs last year and 58 this year, with several clubs yet to have their budgets approved.

Quatarisha White is president of the Black Student Association, one of the clubs that had its budget request trimmed. She said that the budget requests include money for planned events.

"By having a 10 percent cut, it means we have to find the money from somewhere else," White said.

The budget requests from clubs have increased from \$360,000 in 1997 to \$431,000 in 1998, but the amount of money the committee received from the budget office this year and last year was only \$360,480.

Thompson also allocates budgets to other programs that are paid for with comprehensive fees. Some of these programs involve the finance committee, intramurals and recreation, undergraduate research, the athletic department, the multicultural center and student activities.

Thompson said the amount is based on requests and the program's need is based on prior year expenditures. But the time in which the requests are submitted also plays a factor, she said.

"Everyone would love to have what they wanted; unfortunately, it is more of a timing problem," Thompson said.

Thompson said the funds for the



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COAR, like all other Mary Washington student organizations, will have its budget slashed by the finance committee this year.

programs paid for by comprehensive fees begin to be divided the February before the next academic year.

"We don't see the fees until April, but a lot is preliminary," Thompson said.

Thompson said she receives no estimated budget from the finance committee prior to her decision on how much to allocate to the committee. But she does receive budget requests in the end of March from all the programs except the finance committee.

The finance committee holds individual budget hearings in April in which clubs propose their estimated budget requests for the following year.

The finance committee then reviews the requests and gives each club an estimated approved budget, pending what they receive from the budget office over the summer.

"They don't have their hearings until much later. By that time we don't really know what they need," Thompson said.

Thompson said she received summary information from the finance committee sometime in July. But she knew the finance committee's allocation prior to its submission because the budgets were reviewed last spring. Thompson said in her three years as budget

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Diversity At Four-Year Low

By Nicole Ramer
Bullet Staff Writer

Both students and administrators are expressing concerns about the current minority enrollment numbers at Mary Washington and about the level of multicultural awareness.

The total percentage of minority students at MWC is the lowest since 1994, at 10 percent. African-Americans make up 4 percent of the student body, Asian-Americans 4 percent, Hispanic-Americans 1 percent and other minority groups 1 percent.

This enrollment level is below many other state and private schools in Virginia, according to Kaplan's College Guide Book. Kaplan lists William & Mary's minority enrollment level at 15.3 percent of its student body. The University of Virginia is at 23 percent, Marymount

University is at 17.7 percent and the private University of Richmond is at 11 percent.

Due to the low percentages, many minority students said they felt uncomfortable when they returned for the new semester.

"It's a shock at first, but it's making me stronger for the real world," said senior Francisca Birago, an African-American who is vice-president of Brothers of a New Direction.

Sophomore Jessica Hardie who is African American said it can be difficult. "I feel uncomfortable at times because there will be classes where I am the only minority in the class," Hardie said.

In past semesters, the Multicultural Center has sent out surveys to minority students asking them how they feel at a

school that is primarily Caucasian, and what improvements the college could make to attract more minority students. But some of the students surveyed now say they thought the surveys served no purpose, because the college still has a low percentage of minority students.

"Why are we completing surveys about how we feel and we never see any results?" asked senior Quatarisha White, an African American student who is president of the Black Student Association. "If minorities say we don't like it here because of certain reasons, we need to focus on those issues and build off of them."

The college currently has an assistant dean of admissions who specializes in recruiting minorities, Lawrence Nightingale.

"I talk to students at high schools

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Weekend Weather

Friday: Shower High 84. Low 64.

Saturday: Partly cloudy. High 79. Low 61.

Sunday: Partly Cloudy. High 84. Low 65.



Police Beat

By Penny Beverage
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

DUI/DIP

- Sept. 11- George Adam, 18, of Randolph Hall was charged with DIP and possession of marijuana.
- Sept. 12- Matt Sheridan, 18, of Randolph Hall was charged with DIP near Seacobeck Hall.

ILLNESS/INJURY

- Sept. 6- A juvenile was found intoxicated in Alvey Hall.
- Sept. 8- A student became ill in Goolrick Hall.

LARCENY

- Sept. 9- A class ring, valued at \$300, was stolen from Willard Hall.
- Sept. 13- A stereo was stolen from a vehicle parked in the Battleground parking lot. The stereo was valued at \$356.

MISC.

- Sept. 6- A student received a harassing phone call in Custis Hall.
- Sept. 10- A fire alarm was activated by some grease on a burner in a Jefferson Hall kitchen.

- Sept. 10- A fire alarm was activated in Marshall Hall by a dryer in the laundry room.

- Sept. 11- Justin Alessio, 18, of Alvey Hall was charged with possession of marijuana.

- Sept. 12- A fire alarm was activated in Mason Hall. The cause of the fire alarm was undetermined.

- Sept. 12- Residence Life confiscated alcohol in Bushnell Hall.

S.G.A. Beat

Executive Cabinet Report

By Maylian Pak
SGA Press Secretary

- The Academic Affairs Committee needs members. If you are interested call Jess Tenney in the SGA office, x1150.
- The Judicial Review Board and Honor Council will hold elections Thursday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Campus center.
- The Honor Council is handling one "plead guilty" hearing, one trial and five accusations of forgery.
- SGA will hold training for all members of Hall Council on Saturday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Great Hall.
- Applications for Legislative Action Committee officers are due by Thursday, Sept. 22.
- The Commuting Students Association will hold a meeting for all commuting students on Monday, Sept. 21, at 6:15 p.m. in the Commuting Students Lounge.
- Spirit Week is coming up the week before Homecoming (Sept. 12-16). Possible activities include a lip sync contest and a bonfire.

Senate Report

By Lee Miller
Bulletin Staff Writer

The senate discussed the ban on tailgating at this year's Homecoming. Student Government Association President Brooks L'Allier said he plans to take the issue to the Board of Visitors Friday.

Senator parliamentarian Mike Canty moved that the handbook committee make a provision in the handbook preventing voting executive cabinet members from being senators. Executive cabinet members have veto power over senate motions and the motion would prevent them from being able to exercise power in both bodies. The motion was tabled under special orders.

The safety committee proposed two motions this week. First, the safety committee moved that the welfare committee look into having emergency lights put in major hallways with low light. The safety committee pointed out that during the recent rash of power outages, which have struck campus for the past several weeks places such as the third floor hallway of Chandler were left in complete blackness. The motion passed.

Second, the safety committee moved that the parking lot behind Simpson Library, which is currently 24/7 faculty parking, be turned into a student parking lot after 5 p.m. to give students working late at the library a secure and lighted lot in which to park. The lot would remain faculty parking between the hours of 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. This motion also passed.



Compiled by Penny Beverage

McGwire and Sosa Break Maris' Record

On Sept. 8, 1998, Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals hit his 62nd home run of the season against the Chicago Cubs, breaking the single-season home run record of 61 set by Roger Maris of the New York Yankees in 1961. On Sunday Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs also hit his 62nd home run against the Milwaukee Brewers, briefly tying McGwire for the record. As of Wednesday, McGwire had pulled ahead once again with his 63rd homer.

Starr Report on Clinton Affair Released

On Wednesday, Sept. 9, 1998, Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr sent a report to Congress containing "substantial and credible" evidence of wrongdoing by President Clinton. The 445-page report, which is available on the Internet, will be reviewed by Congress in the coming days and they will subsequently decide whether to seek an impeachment inquiry. In the report, Starr accuses President Clinton of "perjury and obstruction of justice" and provides an account of his relationship with Monica Lewinsky, former White House intern.

Report Reveals Unabomber's Desire To Be A Woman

On Friday, Sept. 11, 1998, a report on the Unabomber, Theodore Kaczynski, was released in Sacramento, Ca. The report describes the problems Kaczynski experienced in his early life which may have led him to a life of killing. The report, written by a prison psychiatrist, says that Kaczynski visited a psychiatrist in 1966 and planned to reveal that he wanted to undergo an operation to become a woman. According to the report, when Kaczynski withheld this secret, he was permanently scared emotionally and it led him to become the Unabomber.

Peeper Strikes James Madison University

Mary Washington is not the only Virginia college to have problems with "peeping Toms" in recent years. The Sept. 3 issue of The Breeze, James Madison University's newspaper, reported a recent string of incidents which two suspects illegally entered apartments along Port Republic Road in Harrisonburg, Va., and observed female college students while they were sleeping or showering. The Breeze described the suspects. "One was a white male with a 'noticeable stomach.' The other is a white male who is slim."

Campus Information

- Three astronauts, Scott Carpenter, Guy Bluford and Donna Shirley, will give a presentation entitled "A Space Odyssey: Past, Present and Future" in Dodd on Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased over the phone at 654-1276.
- Robert S. Ballard, the scientist who has explored many sunken ships including the *Titanic*, *Britannic*, *Lusitania* and *Bismarck*, will speak in Dodd on Thursday, Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 a person. For more information call 654-1276.
- The Class Council is sponsoring "Rocktoberfest" a festival of music and food, on Thursday, Oct. 1, 4-7 p.m., in front of the Underground. Food is free and the band Clare Quilty will perform.
- The Rappahannock Region Small Business Development Center will offer its Micro-Business Development Training Program from Oct. 5-Dec. 2. The seven-module course costs \$150 and will meet each Monday and Wednesday, 6-9 p.m. The deadline for registration is Sept. 30. For information on registration call 654-1060.
- James Farmer will be at the College Bookstore on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. to sign copies of his award-winning book *Lay Bare the Heart: An Autobiography of the Civil Rights Movement*. Copies of the book are now available in the bookstore for \$14.95. For more information call Belinda Collins at 654-1652.
- The Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control is offering a training program to teach students to dissuade their peers from abusing alcohol. For more information contact Kim Ackerman at (804)213-4417.

Corrections

In the article "Tailgating Banned" in the Sept. 10 Bulletin, Mark Earley's name was misspelled.

The letter to the editor "Condom Vending Machines Cause Moral Debate" in the Sept. 10 Bulletin was not written by Mark Carnahan. The author is unknown.

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"It's absolutely fantastic. A lot of people worked hard to get it," Blair said.

As far as recruitment and retention problems, those employees involved hope this pay raise will make working on the MWC classified staff more attractive to potential and current employees, by making it more comparable to a job in the private sector.

"Salary has been what's really hurting the employees. [The raise] brings it to a level more competitive with private industry," Blair said.

Anderson has been working with the General Assembly to obtain approval for a northern Virginia cost-of-living differential for all MWC classified employees. Although the current pilot program will only benefit one-third of the staff at MWC, most employees feel that the college as a whole will benefit.

"The pilot program is a tremendous boost for the classified staff in areas which have historically had high turnover and recruitment problems," said John Wilentz, assistant vice president for facility services. "The increase in pay will help the college retain qualified staff and attract qualified candidates for vacancies in the future."

"I hope the college will use the money to benefit and reward the most dedicated and productive employees," said One classified staff employee whose salary was not affected by the program who asked to remain anonymous.

Wilson said she would like this program and the raises it has given to some of Mary Washington's workers be just the start of a program to make sure these employees are adequately compensated.

"I think they should do it each

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affiliation rule.

"The coach of the GMU Rifle Team confirmed this information," Hurto wrote.

According to Hurto, he called the NRA to terminate the affiliation and later faxed them a letter explaining why he was cancelling the affiliation.

Hurto said that the Gun Club paid the NRA a fee of \$40 in return for being affiliated with the NRA and being able to take part in NRA activities. They did not receive any money from the NRA, Hurto said.

The Gun Club's current budget from the school is \$2,071, which it received from the finance committee. The NRA's webpage defined one of its main goals as "defense of the Second Amendment."

In its attempt to protect the rights of gun owners, the NRA has lobbied the United States Congress against gun control legislation such as the assault weapons ban, sent "grassroots fax alerts" to its supporters telling them to contact their representatives in support of or opposition to various pieces of legislation and tells voters when elections are held and which candidates have pro-gun views. The NRA also operates a "political Victory Fund" that endorses candidates for public office.

Hurto wrote that the Gun Club's NRA affiliation "was in no way meant to generate money or membership from the NRA nor was it to receive any money from the NRA."

Hurto called the affiliation a "misunderstanding" and said he did not intentionally break any college or state rules.

Harvey said that the NRA affiliation was mentioned in the budget it submitted to the finance committee.

"There was no indication from the ICA that we couldn't do it," Harvey said. "It was right there on our budget list. It wasn't hidden or anything."

"It is understood that supporting a political organization is a no-no," Jacob Galba-Bright, chair of the finance committee, said. "That's something that the finance committee has to look into. I have to discuss this matter with my adviser [Cedric Rucker, associate dean for student activities] to see how to take care of it."

Rucker said that he could not say whether the Gun Club's affiliation with the NRA was in violation of any rules, because, he said, that decision is left solely to the finance committee.

The club's sponsor, John Short, of computer and network services, also contacted Rucker, to ask about the affiliation.

"I told them they should not be connected with a lobbying organization," Rucker said. "Political groups, by policy of the college, are not funded."

The Finance Committee is the group responsible for investigating possible violations of ICA rules by clubs.

"The college does not fund certain types of organizations, those which are politically or religiously affiliated. If that sort of activity is discovered, it would be something for the finance committee to look into," Rucker said.

Galba-Bright said that the Gun Club's constitution does not mention political affiliations and he did not believe it had any.

"The Gun Club started out as an interest group," Galba-Bright said.

According to Melissa Rizzo, president of the ICA, most of the money to fund clubs comes from comprehensive fees, but some of the money comes from state appropriations.

Because money from the state cannot be used for political or religious purposes, the gun club's affiliation violated not just a college policy but also state policy.

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member, said he didn't think the stock market was a safe place to invest.

"A year's worth of gains was lost on the stock market in one day," he said.

Beard acknowledged the risk, but said it would pay off in the end. "Is there greater risk in the private sector? Yes, there is risk, but over a 45 year period, with all the ups and downs, the average return has been 10 percent," he said.

Riemer agreed with Molloy.

"When people are forced to invest, and the market goes South, people will demand the federal government pay them back. The government would in effect be insuring the stock market," Riemer said.

Not everyone in the audience got involved in the discussion or enjoyed the forum. Some students said they found it confusing.

"Both programs lacked specifics and the debate was more for people who know a lot about the subject," said sophomore Christopher Winslow.

"I guess I should have taken Social Security 101 before coming," said sophomore Erin Chorovich.

Distinguished professor and department chair of political science, John Kramer, said he too felt the presentations were complex.

"This is such an enormously complex subject. But it's good to have a discussion about it, because it educates people, and that is what democracy is about," Kramer said.

The presenters never came to a consensus or conclusion, leaving the audience to make up its own mind.

The forum was part of the nationwide program President Bill Clinton has called for to discuss the issue of Social Security. Gretchen Hurley, a 1996 MWC graduate, who works for Beard's organization, coordinated the event with the college.

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and college admissions fairs, and make phone calls. Generally, these are things which a admissions person does, but more geared toward minority students."

Some students wondered about the effectiveness of Nightingale's position in raising minority enrollment. Some minority students did not even know he existed.

"I did not know there was a minority recruiter," said Tang Subkhana, an Asian-American.

Although MWC has a low percentage of minority enrollment in its student body, the Multicultural Center does offer educational programs to all students. Programs such as VISIONS, Brothers of a New Direction [BOND] and Women of Color are aimed at educating and promoting diversity on campus.

Students have called into question the awareness of these programs around campus.

"I had no idea there was a BOND week," said senior Marcy Michaels. There is also an Asian Culture Week and a Hispanic Heritage Month, both of which many students are unaware of. Numerous students, minority and majority alike, felt that a way to increase the percentage of minority students is to give more promotion to programs targeted at expanding minority awareness.

"Make the groups that there are like BOND and Women of Color have a bigger voice so more people become a part of them," Hardie said.

Nightingale said he is currently involved in several on-campus multicultural events.

"Specifically I'm working with student groups on campus. I do VISIONS [in November]. I also do Minority Student Weekend in the spring," Nightingale said. "Those programs are geared toward attracting minority students to MWC."

In addition to student concerns about minority enrollment and multicultural awareness, Forrest Parker, vice president for multicultural affairs is also concerned about the situation.

"I think we're at a time in history at which more than ever where we need to bring in a more racially diverse population to educate our students."

Parker said that last year, the multicultural office offered 55 programs that geared toward promoting multiculturalism and diversity on campus.

"It's no different than smaller programs that you have," Parker said. "If you are not actively engaged in that type of learning or in that type of service or athletic event you just don't support it."

The current problem is not a new one for MWC. The highest minority percentage of the student body MWC has had in the past ten years was 11.5 percent in 1995. The lowest was in 1989, when minority enrollment slipped to 6.43 percent.

The college's "MWC 2000" plan calls for the college to make sure minority enrollment does not dip below 10 percent of the total student body again.

Nightingale said he hopes to see an increase in the near future, and that such an increase is not at all out of the question.

"It wouldn't take an act of God to raise that to 15 percent next year," Nightingale said.

White said that goal cannot be accomplished without the help of the entire MWC community, not just Nightingale.

"A minority recruiter cannot recruit minorities single-handedly," White said. "That job is not built for one person. It is built for a whole community."

OPINIONS

Do The Students Of MWC Matter At All?

In the following weeks, a crucial test will be taken on the Mary Washington campus. It will not be a test in history, or math, or any other academic subject.

It will be a test of whether student and alumni opinions count for anything. In the recent past, they have not. The things the students have wanted, whether Senior Toast, or the Language Houses, or 100th Night were taken from them. They had no say at all in the matter.

And now they want to take away Homecoming, the very nerve-center of fun and social activity at this school. Without it, we are left with a hollow shell of a social atmosphere.

For years, everyone has worried about this being a "suitcase school," about people leaving on the weekends. Now, this might become a "U-Haul" school. People may just leave permanently.

And, yes, they'll take their money with them. Whether they graduated or they transferred, they aren't going to give it back.

Why? Because they are frustrated. This school exists, and its employees have jobs, because of the students. The students are the most important thing here. The school exists for them, and their opinion should be at least equivalent to all others. After all, this school exists at the leisure of the student body.

Homecoming is actually for the students and alumni, and yet they have no say in its future.

Right now, the MWC community is being confronted with excuses about Homecoming.

There isn't enough space because of the rugby game this year. Bull. Not one person stepped on the actual rugby field last year. Everything was behind the field, and that space will be free again this year. And it wasn't too close to the field, either. Just look at football stadiums, where the fans are right next to the field. It's not a problem.

We can't condone underage drinking. Of course not, and no one has in the past. But this doesn't matter. Underage consumption is banned in dorms, too, but having a refrigerator is not. By killing all tailgating to stop this problem, we are ruining both legal and illegal fun. This is not how American society operates. We do not eliminate cars because some people drive drunk. We punish the individuals. If we have to do that, so be it. But don't kill the whole thing.

Homecoming began in 1987, and in just eleven years it appears to be on the brink of death. For once, the notoriously apathetic MWC student body is seriously concerned. It sounds like something should happen.

But will it?

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Students & Alumni Angered By Banned Tailgating

By Kate Foster
Guest Columnist

In my four years at Mary Washington College I have seen a dramatic decline in the traditions associated with the school, starting with the elimination of the Language and Special Interest Houses and culminating in the recent banning of tailgating at Homecoming.

I would not be surprised if most freshmen were not aware of the recent existence of the student houses. Framar House and Marye House (the present residence of Mr. Rick Surita, head of Residence Life) were student academic houses, while Brent House and Hamlet House were the French and Spanish houses, respectively.

After the student houses were cut, the 198th and 100th Nights were next on the chopping block. A brief explanation is given for the benefit of the new freshmen who don't know these events, and most likely will not ever know them in their traditional setting.

These were nights when seniors celebrated the fact that they only had 198 days (this year 199 days) and then 100 days until graduation. The traditional Senior Toast followed hard on the heels of these two events. Junior Ring Week is so strictly scrutinized by the administration that I would not be surprised if it were next to go.

The thing that aggravates me the most is the loss of students' voice in decision making that directly affects them. The administration has time and again turned a deaf ear to the pleas of the Student Government and the student body as a whole.

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By Trevor Putrease
Guest Columnist

I am writing a letter in regards to the banning of tailgating during this year's Homecoming events.

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over to speak briefly with us. I haven't forgotten this, he said, and I quote "We should have weekends like this more often." That's right, we should. Why? Because it is good for school spirit. Everyone can have fun and students are finally allowed to celebrate in a manner that is reminiscent of a real college scene.

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Trevor Putrease is a senior.

By Anne Mullins
Guest Columnist

As a member of the class of 1998, I have to say I feel short-changed by Mary Washington College.

During the four years I spent there, I've watched almost every major tradition sacred to students and supposedly sacred to the college taken away or altered in some form in an effort to be politically correct. The big political issue on college campuses today is student drinking.

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The administration really kicked us in the face, though, with a dry Senior Toast.

Although the school was about to turn us out into the real world to become doctors, lawyers, teachers and whatever other rewarding professions we chose, we kicked off our graduation celebration with sparkling cider.

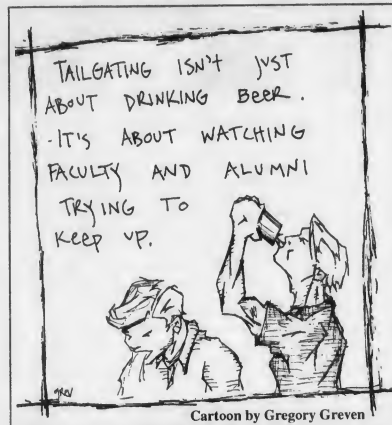
With the exception of maybe one or two seniors, we were all well past our twenty-first birthdays, yet we were not trusted to sip a glass of champagne to toast our achievement.

Now, just when I thought graduation had put me past the reach of our totalitarian administration, they strike again.

Who has a Homecoming celebration without tailgating? The answer is nobody. I sincerely doubt other state schools like UVA and Virginia Tech would ban such revelry. So why should we?

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Cartoon by Gregory Greven

Letters to the Editor

Sexuality Proves Educational

Editor:

I am sure everyone has heard of "Human Sexuality," a course being offered by Professor Hampton this semester, with a rumored enrollment of 109!

I had heard about the class from many of the students, and it had generated some interesting dinner discussions. Usually I found myself put off by the explicit jokes about sexual matter, or discussions about sex without any mention of intimacy.

I began to wonder if this class served any purpose at all. Then again, before you can have an opinion about something, you have to experience it for yourself.

So, I found myself in the Monroe auditorium one Thursday afternoon. At some point during the class I realized that I had spent the entire time nodding in agreement, staring in amazement, and shaking with laughter.

More importantly though, my mind was filled with ideas and realizations that had never occurred to me before. The class passed my test because it made me stop and think.

A course like "Human Sexuality" is important because it addresses a topic which is still considered taboo.

We live in a society where it is okay to make crude sexual jokes and comments in the name of freedom of speech, and yet two people in a relationship have a hard time communicating their sexual intimacy.

Most people are unaware of their bodily capabilities and sexual needs, while many have unwittingly surrendered to a media generated definition of sexuality.

We fall into sexual patterns that have been passed on as the "right" way of doing things, without even realizing how far this pattern is from fulfilling our true capabilities for intimacy and sexuality.

What we know is what we are, and inevitably what we do. I am glad that there is finally progress in educating people in a mature and candid manner, about something as fundamental and natural as our bodies; physical and emotional needs.

In any case, no one can say that Professor Hampton's class does not apply in practical life. I recommend it to anybody. I am sure it will help us all out in the long run, or on that next date.

Anjali Sherin
Sophomore

Give Him Liberty Or Give Him Rubbers

Editor:

I would like to respond to last week's editorial concerning the availability of condoms at Mary Washington.

I agree, condoms should not be placed in condom vending machines. They should, however, spew forth from giant goldfish bowls deposited, not only in dormitories, but also in Seacoack, around the fountain, and in academic buildings—except Trinkle; no one will ever get turned on there. Admittedly, that is a bit far, but vending machines are a good starting point.

Certain zealots have chastised the administration—stating that these devil bags will cause prostitution and sexual deviance if allowed to infiltrate dorms.

Some feel that aiding the prevention of disease and unwanted pregnancy is an irresponsible action for a college. That is a shame. The lack of prophylactics in dormitories will not suppress the wanton yearnings, urges and hormone upheavals that "pop up" in intimate relationships.

True, some may be immature about condom purchases, but they will still have sex—most likely unprotected. Despite their puerile actions, they need easily acquired defense. We don't want these people breeding after all.

What many students do not realize is that condoms have always been in Mary Washington's vending machines. In desperate situations, one renders some mighty creative uses for a Zagnut wrapper in the twilight hours.

I'm quite sure that any national students applaud Mr. Goodbar's new neighbor. I hope the good work will continue.

Adam Martin
Sophomore

Complaints Regarding Bitter Kevin

Editor:

I just wanted to make some comments on last week's edition of the Bulletin. First off I must deal with Kevin Catarino's column, "Bitterness Continued." Frankly I am amazed that a newspaper would waste so much space on letting a random person (and one who seems to have deep personal issues) complain completely off the top of his head.

I do believe this is the first newspaper I've ever read where the Letters to the Editor were much deeper and thought provoking than the columns.

After reading Mr. Catarino's piece, I must confess the only notion in my mind was who cares? Hurry! Kevin is cynical as hell, but he's also annoying and arrogant, and those two columns he took up could have been much better used on a serious commentary dealing with a more pertinent issue, of which there are plenty.

There is some resentment in my tone, I am one (but pretty much the main one) of the guitarists, or "traveling minstrels," that play by the fountain or anywhere else at night, enjoying the cool air and enlightening others with my music.

Just because Mr. Catarino isn't enlightened enough to enjoy any type of music other than metal,

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Bitter Kevin's Rant

Well, well, well. Now I have my own column. Goes to show you, kids, bitch and moan and you'll get whatever you want. Now on to the good stuff.

First up: the Eagles Nest. They now have meal deals consisting of a sandwich of some kind, plus fries and a drink. In a sad little attempt to be more like a real fast food joint.

One would think this is good, because most of us students have a thing called meal plan. You know, the stuff that's on the little black strip on the back of your ID card? We give it to some poor soul lurches away from suicide who then swipes it through a computer, deducting a meal.

This usually works out fine at Seacoack. Give card, lose meal, eat until nauseous (usually three to four minutes). However, at the tragically hip Eagles Nest, a meal plan will not get you a meal deal.

All of these meal deals cost more than the four flex dollars (incidentally, a meal at Seacoack cost you six real dollars. Mmmmm, capitalism) equivalent to a meal unit. So basically, your meal plan will not get you a meal at the Nest. Cute, huh? I love the Wood Company.

I'll love the Wood Company even more when they start charging six bucks (flex bucks?) a beer at Homecoming.

Second, and last, because I'm lazy this week: the Christian student horde. Now, being a tolerant man, I

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Bullet Letter and Column Policy

The Bulletin is always eager to receive letters to the editor and guest columns and every effort is made to print them. If there are numerous letters on one subject, a sampling of the best letters received will be printed.

Letters should be no more than 250 words and columns no more than 750 words, typed, double-spaced. All letters and columns are subject to editing for length and clarity. The Bulletin reserves the right to withhold libelous materials. The deadline for letters and columns is the Monday before publication.

The Bulletin does not publish anonymous letters or columns. All letters need to be signed. Students must include their major. A phone number and address are also needed for verification.

All letters and columns can be mailed to the Bulletin at Box 604, 1701 College Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA, 22401-4666, delivered to our office in the Woodard Campus Center or sent to our e-mail address at bullet@mwc.edu.

Police Beat

By Penny Beverage
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

DUI/DIP

- Sept. 11-George Adam, 18, of Randolph Hall was charged with DIP and possession of marijuana.
- Sept. 12-Matt Sheridan, 18, of Randolph Hall was charged with DIP near Seacoast Hall.

ILLNESS/INJURY

- Sept. 6-A juvenile was found intoxicated in Alvey Hall.
- Sept. 8-A student became ill in Goodrich Hall.

LARCENY

- Sept. 9-A class ring, valued at \$300, was stolen from Willard Hall.
- Sept. 13-A stereo was stolen from a vehicle parked in the Battleground parking lot. The stereo was valued at \$356.

MISC.

- Sept. 6-A student received a harassing phone call in Custis Hall.
- Sept. 10-A fire alarm was activated by some grease on a burner in a Jefferson Hall kitchen.

- Sept. 10-A fire alarm was activated in Marshall Hall by a dryer in the laundry room.

- Sept. 11-Justin Alessio, 18, of Alvey Hall was charged with possession of marijuana.

- Sept. 12-A fire alarm was activated in Mason Hall. The cause of the fire alarm was undetermined.

- Sept. 12-Residence Life confiscated alcohol in Bushnell Hall.

S.G.A. Beat

Executive Cabinet Report

By Maylian Pak
SGA Press Secretary

- The Academic Affairs Committee needs members. If you are interested call Jess Tenney in the SGA office, x1150.
- The Judicial Review Board and Honor Council will hold elections Thursday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Campus center.
- The Honor Council is handling one "plead guilty" hearing, one trial and five accusations of forgeries.
- SGA will hold training for all members of Hall Council on Saturday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Great Hall.
- Applications for Legislative Action Committee officers are due by Thursday, Sept. 22.
- The Commuting Students Association will hold a meeting for all commuting students on Monday, Sept. 21, at 6:15 p.m. in the Commuting Students Lounge.
- Spirit Week is coming up the week before Homecoming (Sept. 12-16). Possible activities include a lip sync contest and a bonfire.

Senate Report

By Lee Miller
Bulletin Staff Writer

The senate discussed the ban on tailgating at this year's Homecoming. Student Government Association President Brooks L'Allier said he plans to take the issue to the Board of Visitors Friday.

Senator parliamentarian Mike Canty moved that the handbook committee make a provision in the handbook preventing voting executive cabinet members from being senators. Executive cabinet members have veto power over senate motions and the motion would prevent them from being able to exercise power in both bodies. The motion was tabled under special orders.

The safety committee proposed two motions this week. First, the safety committee moved that the welfare committee look into having emergency lights put in major hallways with low light. The safety committee pointed out that during the recent rash of power outages, which have struck campus for the past several weeks places such as the third floor hallway of Chandler were left in complete blackness. The motion passed.

Second, the safety committee moved that the parking lot behind Simpson Library, which is currently 24/7 faculty parking, be turned into a student parking lot after 5 p.m. to give students working late at the library a secure and lighted lot in which to park. The lot would remain faculty parking between the hours of 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. This motion also passed.



Compiled by Penny Beverage

McGwire and Sosa Break Maris' Record

On Sept. 8, 1998, Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals hit his 62nd home run of the season against the Chicago Cubs, breaking the single-season home run record of 61 set by Roger Maris of the New York Yankees in 1961. On Sunday Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs also hit his 62nd home against the Milwaukee Brewers, briefly tying McGwire for the record. As of Wednesday, McGwire had pulled ahead once again with his 63rd homer.

Starr Report on Clinton Affair Released

On Wednesday, Sept. 9, 1998, Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr sent a report to Congress containing "substantial and credible" evidence of wrongdoing by President Clinton. The 445-page report, which is available on the Internet, will be reviewed by Congress in the coming days and they will subsequently decide whether to seek an impeachment inquiry. In the report, Starr accuses President Clinton of "perjury and obstruction of justice" and provides an account of his relationship with Monica Lewinsky, former White House intern.

Report Reveals Unabomber's Desire To Be A Woman

On Friday, Sept. 11, 1998, a report on the Unabomber, Theodore Kaczynski, was released in Sacramento, Ca. The report describes the problems Kaczynski experienced in his early life which may have led him to a life of killing. The report, written by a prison psychiatrist, says that Kaczynski visited a psychiatrist in 1966 and planned to reveal that he wanted to undergo an operation to become a woman. According to the report, when Kaczynski withheld this secret, he was permanently scarred emotionally and it led him to become the Unabomber.

Peeper Strikes James Madison University

Mary Washington is not the only Virginia college to have problems with "peeping Toms" in recent years. The Sept. 3 issue of The Breeze, James Madison University's newspaper, reported a recent string of incidents which two suspects illegally entered apartments along Port Republic Road in Harrisonburg, Va., and observed female college students while they were sleeping or showering. The Breeze described the suspects: "One was a white male with a 'noticeable stomach.' The other is a white male who is slim."

Campus Information

- Three astronauts, Scott Carpenter, Guy Bluford and Donna Shirley, will give a presentation entitled "A Space Odyssey: Past, Present and Future" in Dodd on Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased over the phone at 654-1276.
- Robert S. Ballard, the scientist who has explored many sunken ships including the *Titanic*, *Britannic*, *Lusitania* and *Bismarck*, will speak in Dodd on Thursday, Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 a person. For more information call 654-1276.
- The Class Council is sponsoring "Rocktoberfest" a festival of music and food, on Thursday, Oct. 1, 4-7 p.m., in front of the Underground. Food is free and the band Clare Quilty will perform.
- The Rappahannock Region Small Business Development Center will offer its Micro-Business Development Training Program from Oct. 5-Dec. 2. The seven-module course costs \$150 and will meet each Monday and Wednesday, 6-9 p.m. The deadline for registration is Sept. 30. For information on registration call 654-1060.
- James Farmer will be at the College Bookstore on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. to sign copies of his award-winning book *Lay Bare the Heart: An Autobiography of the Civil Rights Movement*. Copies of the book are now available in the bookstore for \$14.95. For more information call Belinda Collins at 654-1652.
- The Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control is offering a training program to teach students to dissuade their peers from abusing alcohol. For more information contact Kim Ackerman at (804)213-4417.

Corrections

In the article "Tailgating Banned" in the Sept. 10 Bulletin, Mark Earley's name was misspelled.

The letter to the editor "Condom Vending Machines Cause Moral Debate" in the Sept. 10 Bulletin was not written by Mark Carman. The author is unknown.

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"Absolutely fantastic. A lot of people worked hard to get it," Blair said.

As far as recruitment and retention problems, those employees involved whose pay rates will make working on the MWC a less desirable staff member, said John W. Hurto, president of the MWC, "I'm not sure if we're going to be able to attract and retain employees, by making it more competitive to a job in the private sector."

"It's been what's really been the problem for the MWC," Blair said.

Blair said he has been working with the General Assembly to obtain funding for a northern Virginia-based living differential for all MWC classified employees.

"I think the current pilot program will only benefit one-third of the employees," most employees feel that the college as a whole will benefit.

"The pilot program is a compromise, most for the classified employees who have high turnover and retention problems," said John W. Hurto, assistant vice president for facilities services. "The increase in pay will help the college retain qualified staff and attract qualified candidates for vacancies in the future."

"I hope the college will use the money to benefit and reward the most dedicated and productive employees," said one classified staff employee whose salary was not affected by the program who asked to remain anonymous.

Wilson said she would like this program and the raises it has given to staff of Mary Washington's services be just the start of a program to make sure these employees are adequately compensated.

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affiliation rule.

"The coach of the GMU Rifle Team confirmed this information," Hurto wrote.

According to Hurto, he called the NRA to terminate the affiliation and later faxed them a letter explaining why he was cancelling the affiliation.

Hurto said that the Gun Club paid the NRA a fee of \$40 in return for being affiliated with the NRA and being able to take part in NRA activities. They did not receive any money from the NRA, Hurto said.

The Gun Club's current budget from the school is \$2,071, which it received from the finance committee.

The NRA's webpage defined one of its main goals as "defense of the Second Amendment."

In its attempt to protect the rights of gun owners, the NRA has lobbied the United States Congress against gun control legislation such as the assault weapons ban, sent "grassroots fax alerts" to its supporters telling them to contact their representatives in support of or opposition to various pieces of legislation and tells voters when elections are held and which candidates have pro-gun views. The NRA also operates a "political Victory Fund" that endorses candidates for public office.

Hurto wrote that the Gun Club's NRA affiliation "was in no way meant to generate money or membership from the NRA nor was it to receive any money from the NRA."

Hurto called the affiliation a "misunderstanding" and said he did not intentionally break any college or state rules.

Harvey said that the NRA affiliation was mentioned in the budget it submitted to the finance committee.

"There was no indication from the ICA that we couldn't do it," Harvey said. "It was right there on our budget list. It wasn't hidden or anything."

"It is understood that supporting a political organization is a no-no," Jacob Galba-Bright, chair of the finance committee, said. "That's something that the finance committee has to look into. I have to discuss this matter with my adviser [Cedric Rucker, associate dean for student activities] to see how to take care of it."

Rucker said that he could not say whether the Gun Club's affiliation with the NRA was in violation of any rules, because, he said, that decision is left solely to the finance committee.

The club's sponsor, John Short, of computer and network services, also contacted Rucker, to ask about the affiliation.

"I told them they should not be connected with a lobbying organization," Rucker said. "Political groups, by policy of the college, are not funded."

The Finance Committee is the group responsible for investigating possible violations of ICA rules by clubs.

"The college does not fund certain types of organizations, those which are politically or religiously affiliated. If that sort of activity is discovered, it would be something for the finance committee to look into," Rucker said.

Galba-Bright said that the Gun Club's constitution does not mention political affiliations and he did not believe it had any.

"The Gun Club started out as an interest group," Galba-Bright said.

According to Melissa Rizzo, president of the ICA, most of the money to fund clubs comes from comprehensive fees, but some of the money comes from state appropriations.

Because money from the state cannot be used for political or religious purposes, the gun club's affiliation violated not just a college policy but also state policy.

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member, said he didn't think the stock market was a safe place to invest.

"A year's worth of growth was lost on the stock market in one day," he said.

Beard acknowledged the risk, but said it would pay off in the end.

"Is there greater risk in the private sector? Yes, there is risk, but over a 45 year period, with all the ups and downs, the average return has been 10 percent," he said.

Riemer agreed with Molloy.

"When people are forced to invest, and the market goes South, people will demand the federal government pay them back. The government would in effect be insuring the stock market," Riemer said.

Not everyone in the audience got involved in the discussion or enjoyed the forum. Some students said they found it confusing.

"Both programs lacked specifics and the debate was more for people who know a lot about the subject," said sophomore Christopher Winslow.

"I guess I should have taken Social Security 101 before coming," said sophomore Erin Chorovich.

Distinguished professor and department chair of political science, John Kramer, said he too felt the presentations were complex.

"This is such an enormously complex subject. But it's good to have a discussion about it, because it educates people, and that is what democracy is about," Kramer said.

The presenters never came to a consensus or conclusion, leaving the audience to make up its own mind.

The forum was part of the nationwide program President Bill Clinton has called for to discuss the issue of Social Security. Gretchen Hurley, a 1996 MWC graduate, who works for Beard's organization, coordinated the event with the college.

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and college admissions fairs, and make phone calls. Generally, these are things which a admissions person does, but more geared toward minority students."

Some students wondered about the effectiveness of Nightingale's position in raising minority enrollment. Some minority students did not even know he existed.

"I did not know there was a minority recruiter," said Tang Subkhana, an Asian-American.

Although MWC has a low percentage of minority enrollment in its student body, the Multicultural Center does offer educational programs to all students. Programs such as VISIONS, Brothers of a New Direction [BOND] and Women of Color are aimed at educating and promoting diversity on campus.

Students have called into question the awareness of these programs around campus.

"I had no idea there was a BOND week," said senior Marcy Michaels.

There is also an Asian Cultural Week and a Hispanic Heritage Month, both of which many students are unaware of. Numerous students, minority and majority alike, felt that a way to increase the percentage of minority students is to give more promotion to programs targeted at expanding minority awareness.

"Make the groups that there are like BOND and Women of Color have a bigger voice so more people become a part of them," Hardie said.

Nightingale said he is currently involved in several on-campus multicultural events.

"Specifically I'm working with student groups on campus. I do VISIONS [in November]. I also do Minority Student Weekend in the spring," Nightingale said. "Those programs are geared toward attracting minority students to MWC."

In addition to student concerns about minority enrollment and multicultural awareness, Forrest Parker, vice president for multicultural affairs is also concerned about the situation.

"I think we're at a time in history at which more than ever where we need to bring in a more racially diverse population to educate our students."

Parker said that last year, the multicultural office offered 55 programs that geared toward promoting multiculturalism and diversity on campus.

"It's no different than smaller programs that you have," Parker said. "If you are not actively engaged in that type of learning or in that type of service or athletic event you just don't support it."

The current problem is not a new one for MWC. The highest minority percentage of the student body MWC has had in the past ten years was 11.5 percent in 1995. The lowest was in 1989, when minority enrollment slipped to 6.43 percent.

The college's "MWC 2000" plan calls for the college to make sure minority enrollment does not dip below 10 percent of the total student body again.

Nightingale said he hopes to see an increase in the near future, and that such an increase is not at all out of the question.

"It wouldn't take an act of God to raise that to 15 percent next year," Nightingale said.

White said that goal cannot be accomplished without the help of the entire MWC community, not just Nightingale.

"A minority recruiter cannot recruit minorities single-handedly," White said. "That job is not built for one person. It is built for a whole community."

OPINIONS

Do The Students Of MWC Matter At All?

In the following weeks, a crucial test will be taken on the Mary Washington campus. It will not be a test in history, or math, or any other academic subject.

It will be a test of whether student and alumni opinions count for anything. In the recent past, they have not. The things the students have wanted, whether Senior Toast, or the Language Houses, or 100th Night were taken from them. They had no say at all in the matter.

And now they want to take away Homecoming, the very nerve-center of fun and social activity at this school. Without it, we are left with a hollow shell of a social atmosphere.

For years, everyone has worried about this being a "suitcase school," about people leaving on the weekends. Now, this might become a "U-Haul" school. People may just leave permanently.

And, yes, they'll take their money with them. Whether they graduated or they transferred, they aren't going to give it back.

Why? Because they are frustrated. This school exists, and its employees have jobs, because of the students. The students are the most important thing here. The school exists for them, and their opinion should be at least equivalent to all others. After all, this school exists at the leisure of the student body.

Homecoming is actually for the students and alumni, and yet they have no say in its future.

Right now, the MWC community is being confronted with excuses about Homecoming.

There isn't enough space because of the rugby game this year. Bull. Not one person stepped on the actual rugby field last year. Everything was behind the field, and that space will be free again this year. And it wasn't too close to the field, either. Just look at football stadiums, where the fans are right next to the field. It's not a problem.

We can't condone underage drinking. Of course not, and no one has in the past. But this doesn't matter. Underage consumption is banned in dorms, too, but having a refrigerator is not. By killing all tailgating to stop this problem, we are ruining both legal and illegal fun. This is not how American society operates. We do not eliminate cars because some people drive drunk. We punish the individuals. If we have to do that, so be it. But don't kill the whole thing.

Homecoming began in 1987, and in just eleven years it appears to be on the brink of death. For once, the notoriously apathetic MWC student body is seriously concerned. It sounds like something should happen.

But will it?

Students & Alumni Angered By Banned Tailgating

By Kate Foster
Guest Columnist

In my four years at Mary Washington College I have seen a dramatic decline in the traditions associated with the school, starting with the elimination of the Language and Special Interest Houses and culminating in the recent banning of tailgating at Homecoming.

I would not be surprised if most freshmen were not aware of the recent existence of the student houses. Framar House and Mary House (the present residence of Mr. Rick Surita, head of Residence Life) were student academic houses, while Brent House and Hamlet House were the French and Spanish houses, respectively.

After the student houses were cut, the 198th and 100th Nights were next on the chopping block. A brief explanation is given for the benefit of the new freshmen who don't know these events, and most likely will not ever know them in their traditional setting.

These were nights when seniors celebrated the fact that they only had 198 days (this year 199 days) and then 100 days until graduation. The traditional Senior Toast followed hard on the heels of these two events. Junior Ring Week is so strictly scrutinized by the administration that I would not be surprised if it were next to go.

The thing that aggravates me the most is the loss of students' voice in decision making that directly affects them. The administration has time and again turned a deaf ear to the pleas of the Student Government and the student body as a whole.

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We fall into sexual patterns that have been passed on as the "right" way of doing things, without even realizing how far this pattern is from fulfilling our true capabilities for intimacy and sexuality.

What we know is what we are, and inevitably what we do. I am glad that there is finally progress in educating people in a mature and candid manner, about something as fundamental and natural as our bodies; physical and emotional needs.

In any case, no one can say that Professor Hampton's class does not apply in practical life. I recommend it to anybody. I am sure it will help us all out in the long run, or on that next date.

Anjali Sherin
Sophomore

Give Him Liberty Or Give Him Rubbers

Editor:

I would like to respond to last week's editorial concerning the availability of condoms at Mary Washington.

I agree, condoms should not be placed in campus vending machines. They should, however, be sold from giant goldfish bowls deposited, not only in dormitories, but also in Seacoake, around the fountain, and in academic buildings—except Trinkle; no one will ever get turned on there. Admittedly, that is a bit far, but vending machines are a good starting point.

Certain zealots have chastised the administration—stating that these devil bags will cause prostitution and sexual deviance if allowed to infiltrate dorms.

Some feel that aiding the prevention of disease and unwanted pregnancy is an irresponsible action for a college. That is a shame. The lack of prophylactics in dormitories will not suppress the wanton yearnings, urges and hormone upheavals that "pop up" in intimate relationships.

True, some may be immature about condom purchases, but they will still have sex—most likely unprotected. Despite their puerile actions, they need easily acquired defense. We don't want these people breeding after all.

What many students do not realize is that condoms have always been in Mary Washington's vending machines. In desperate situations, one renders some mighty creative uses for a Zagnut wrapper in the twilight hours.

I'm quite sure that any national students applaud Mr. Goodbar's new neighbor. I hope the good work will continue.

Adam Martin
Sophomore

Complaints Regarding Bitter Kevin

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I just wanted to make some comments on last week's edition of the Bulletin. First off I must deal with Kevin Catarino's column, "Bitterness Continued." Frankly I am amazed that a newspaper would waste so much space on letting a random person (and one who seems to have deep personal issues) complain completely off the top of his head.

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After reading Mr. Catarino's piece, I must confess the only notion in my mind was who cares? Hurry! Kevin is cynical as hell, but he's also annoying and arrogant, and those two columns he took up could have been much better used on a serious commentary dealing with a more pertaining issue, of which there are plenty.

There is some resentment in my tone, I am one (but pretty much the main one) of the guitarists, or "traveling minstrels," that play by the fountain or anywhere else at night, enjoying the cool air and enlightening others with my music.

Just because Mr. Catarino isn't enlightened enough to enjoy any type of music other than metal,

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Bitter Kevin's Rant

Well, well, well. Now I have my own column. Goes to show you kids, bitch and moan and you'll get whatever you want. Now on to the good stuff.

First up: the Eagles Nest. They now have meal deals consisting of a sandwich of some kind, plus fries and a drink, in a sad little attempt to be more like a real fast food joint.

One would think this is good, because most of us students have a thing called meal plan. You know, the stuff that's on the little black card on the back of your ID card? We give it to some poor soul inches away from suicide who then swipes it through a computer, deducting a meal.

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I'll love the Wood Company even more when they start charging a-bucks (flex bucks?) a beer at Homecoming.

Second, and last, because I'm lazy this week: the Christian student horde. Now, being a tolerant person,

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For the past eight years, the festival has been celebrated at MWC. The celebration recognizes the importance of cultural diversity and the schedule of events consists of both academic and social activities.

Members of the Hispanic Student

Association, Giant Productions and the staff of the James Farmer Multicultural Center worked together to bring the celebration to campus.

Included in this month's activities is a performance by award-winning author and storyteller Joe Hayes. His program consists of stories from Hispanic, Native American, and Anglo cultures.

Also performing for Hispanic Heritage Month is the Maru Montero Dance Company. The company, which was founded in 1992, has significantly advanced itself to become the premiere Latin Dance company in the Washington, D.C. area.

The repertoire extends from Mexican roots and encompasses a wide variety of dance, including that of the Caribbean and of Latin America.

Angela Naggles, a junior at Mary Washington

and representative for the Hispanic Student Association, says that she has

a true appreciation for Hispanic culture. Naggles, who is also an active member of Women of Color, explained that the recognition of cultural diversity is important to MWC students as well as the entire community.

"I feel that this campus should be exposed to different cultures in order to become more aware of cultural differences and to spark interest in other areas as well," she said.

Parker encourages students to take part in the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration in order to become more informed about the customs, arts and traditions of different cultures.

"Since Hispanic population is based on different demographics and a changing work force," Parker said. "It will be in all of our best interests to learn of the contributions that Hispanics have made to the world."

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Doug Gately plays the flute with the Doug Gately Band at the kick-off of Hispanic Heritage Month.

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heavily on word of mouth.

"Right now, we are a cultural and religious minority, so the numbers aren't there where we can do a lot of recruiting," Aminrazavi said. "However, all our meetings are welcome to anyone who wants to attend."

Aminrazavi believes the association is unique, not only because it provides a place of worship and cultural enrichment, but also because its members use it to educate others about the Middle East. This is especially important in light of the bombings and terrorist attacks that have been prevalent in recent years.

"Muslim students feel as if they're under the gun," he said. "They feel as if the tensions between the United States and some Middle East countries are a reflection on them. They want to say 'We don't make bombs and we don't like what is going on anymore than the rest of you.' They go to class, study, and like to have fun like everyone else."

Reverend Susan Blanchard says that the primary goal of the Baptist Student Association (BSA) is to minister to the college community and provide students with a home-like environment that will be a source of comfort to them.

"Spirituality is the most important in being," Blanchard said. "The BSA helps to develop one's spirit."

One of the ways the BSA reaches out to the campus community is through its "Dinner Dialogue" that takes place every Tuesday evening.

"It's essentially a creative worship time," Blanchard said. "However, it's also a chance for students to get a home-cooked meal. Plus it's free."

The BSA also holds five Bible studies each week. They are divided into men's, women's, co-ed, freshman and leadership studies.

Blanchard also said that there is something for everyone. Students can participate in ministry, choir, or service projects such as feeding the homeless and working at crisis pregnancy centers.

"BSA has different service opportunities," Blanchard said. "Everyone has a talent, and at BSA they can find a place to use that talent."

Elana Pressman, president of MWC Hillel, an

organization for students interested in Jewish culture, believes that college should be a time of exploration and exposure to other religions and ideas.

"We try to help Jewish students find a meaningful religious experience," she said. "However, that spiritual base doesn't have to stick. Taking a look at other faiths is common at college."

Due to its small numbers, MWC Hillel attracts prospective members through general interest meetings, word of mouth, and fliers promoting the group.

"We usually hold bi-weekly meetings," Pressman said. "Because we are small, we can sit down and talk with the membership."

Father Jack Peterson, campus minister to the Catholic Student Association (CSA), believes that a transition time from home to college life is necessary for people to maintain their faith. He said that without this change students can get caught up in other activities, good or bad, that can keep them from devoting the proper time and worship to God.

"College students have unique struggles because for the first time, there is no one else, like their parents, encouraging them to go to church," Peterson said. "Their faith in God needs to make that crucial transition, if it hasn't already, from being something they learned at home to being something that is truly theirs."

The CSA's goal is to be a place where students can sort out their confusions about religion and actually have an adult to confide in.

Besides having a New Student Retreat and a tubing trip on the Rappahannock to attract new students, the CSA also contacts potential members who have shown interest through letters, dorm visits and invitations to club activities.

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Though some students may argue that Mary Washington does not boast a diverse student body, festivities such as the Hispanic Heritage Month encourage members of the college community to expand their horizons.

"As we look at preparing leaders, it is important to learn about cultures different from one's own," explained Forrest Parker, vice president of MWC's multicultural center.

On Tuesday, Sept. 15, the Doug Gately Band performed outside of Lee Hall to commence Hispanic Heritage Month. The period between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15 has been acknowledged by the United States Congress to celebrate Hispanic culture.

For the past eight years, the festival has been celebrated at MWC. The celebration recognizes the importance of cultural diversity and the schedule of events consists of both academic and social activities.

Members of the Hispanic Student

Association, Giant Productions and the staff of the James Farmer Multicultural Center worked together to bring the celebration to campus.

Included in this month's activities is a performance by award-winning author and storyteller Joe Hayes. His program consists of stories from Hispanic, Native American, and Anglo cultures.

Also performing for Hispanic Heritage Month is the Maru Montero Dance Company. The company, which was founded in 1992, has significantly advanced itself to become the premiere Latin Dance company in the Washington, D.C. area.

The repertoire extends from Mexican roots and encompasses a wide variety of dance, including that of the Caribbean and of Latin America.

Angela Naggles, a junior at Mary Washington and a representative for the Hispanic Student Association, says that she has

a true appreciation for Hispanic culture. Naggles, who is also an active member of Women of Color, explained that the recognition of cultural diversity is important to MWC students as well as the entire community.

"I feel that this campus should be exposed to different cultures in order to become more aware of cultural differences and to spark interest in other areas as well," she said.

Parker encourages students to take part in the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration in order to become more informed about the customs, arts and traditions of different cultures.

"Since Hispanic population is based on different demographics and a changing work force," Parker said. "It will be in all of our best interests to learn of the contributions that Hispanics have made to the world."

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Sept. 17, 18, 19 Movie: "Desperado," Dodd Auditorium; 7 p.m. \$1

Sept. 24 "Latino Night," Central Rappahannock Regional Library; 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE

Sept. 25 "Hispanic Heritage Month Kickoff," Naval Surface Warfare Center; 10 p.m.-11 p.m. FREE

Sept. 25 "Bio Ritmo," Great Hall, Woodard Campus Center; 6:00 p.m. FREE

Sept. 30 "Maru Montero," Ballroom, Lee Hall; 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 9 "Special Emphasis Programs Day," JD's Conference Center; 11 a.m.-1 p.m. FREE

Oct. 10 "Hispanic Festival," Hurkamp Park 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Oct. 14 "Joe Hayes, Storyteller," Lee Hall Ballroom; 7 p.m.

Oct. 17 "Hispanic Heritage Month Dance," Orquesta La Romana; 9 p.m.-12 a.m. FREE



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Doug Gately plays the flute with the Doug Gately Band at the kick-off of Hispanic Heritage Month.

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heavily on word of mouth.

"Right now, we are a cultural and religious minority, so the numbers aren't there where we can do a lot of recruiting," Aminrazavi said. "However, all our meetings are welcome to anyone who wants to attend."

Aminrazavi believes the association is unique, not only because it provides a place of worship and cultural enrichment, but also because its members use it to educate others about the Middle East. This is especially important in light of the bombings and terrorist attacks that have been prevalent in recent years.

"Muslim students feel as if they're under the gun," he said. "They feel as if the tensions between the United States and some Middle East countries are a reflection on them. They want to say 'We don't make bombs and we don't like what is going on anymore than the rest of you.' They go to class, study, and like to have fun like everyone else."

Reverend Susan Blanchard says that the primary goal of the Baptist Student Association (BSU) is to minister to the college community and provide students with a home-like environment that will be a source of comfort to them.

"Spirituality is the most important in being," Blanchard said. "The BSU helps to develop one's spirit."

One of the ways the BSU reaches out to the campus community is through its "Dinner Dialogue" that takes place every Tuesday evening.

"It's essentially a creative worship time," Blanchard said. "However, it's also a chance for students to get a home-cooked meal. Plus it's free."

The BSU also holds five Bible studies each week. They are divided into men's, women's, co-ed, freshman and leadership studies.

Blanchard also said that there is something for everyone. Students can participate in ministry, choir, or service projects such as feeding the homeless and working at crisis pregnancy centers.

"BSU has different service opportunities," Blanchard said. "Everyone has a talent, and at BSU they can find a place to use that talent."

Elana Pressman, president of MWC Hillel, an

organization for students interested in Jewish culture, believes that college should be a time of exploration and exposure to other religions and ideas.

"We try to help Jewish students find a meaningful religious experience," she said. "However, that spiritual base doesn't have to stick. Taking a look at other faiths is common at college."

Due to its small numbers, MWC Hillel attracts prospective members through general interest meetings, word of mouth, and fliers promoting the group.

"We usually hold bi-weekly meetings," Pressman said. "Because we are small, we can sit down and talk with the membership."

Father Jack Peterson, campus minister to the Catholic Student Association (CSA), believes that a transition time from home to college life is necessary for people to maintain their faith. He said that without this change students can get caught up in other activities, good or bad, that can keep them from devoting the proper time and worship to God.

"College students have unique struggles because for the first time, there is no one else, like their parents, encouraging them to go to church," Peterson said. "Their faith in God needs to make that crucial transition, if it hasn't already, from being something they learned at home to being something that is truly theirs."

The CSA's goal is to be a place where students can sort out their confusions about religion and actually have an adult to confide in.

Besides having a New Student Retreat and a tubing trip on the Rappahannock to attract new students, the CSA also contacts potential members who have shown interest through letters, dorm visits and invitations to elab activities.

"The CSA is unique because we focus on Catholic teachings and the sacraments," Peterson said. "We have a rich tradition of prayer, 2,000 years of history and saints and all those things that make the Catholic Church unique among the Christian churches of the world."



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SPORTS

Wood Likely To Become MWC's Permanent Men's Basketball Coach

By Jamie Deaton
Bulletin Sports Editor

Outside the human resources office in George Washington Hall, there is a piece of paper tacked on the job vacancies bulletin board that will shape the future of the men's basketball program at MWC.

The piece of paper states that MWC intends to hire a permanent men's basketball coach and physical education instructor.

Rod Wood is currently the interim head coach at MWC. He will continue this role for the 1998-99 basketball season and will apply for and most likely receive the position on a permanent basis.

"Rod has indicated he wants to be and will be an applicant," said Ed Hegmann, director of athletics.

Hegmann also stated that there is a very strong chance that Wood will be rehired as coach.

"I feel the incumbent [Wood] does have a leg up on the opponents," he said.

Phil Hall, vice president of academic affairs and dean of faculty, also stated that Wood has a good

chance of receiving the job.

"Rod is a prime candidate and I wouldn't be surprised if he came out on top," said Hall.

Applications for the job are due by 5 p.m. on Oct. 16. The job is a full-time staff position beginning Aug. 16, 1999.

The qualifications for the job of head coach of the men's basketball team as stated on the announcement include an "earned master's degree in physical education or a closely related discipline, college level participation and successful coaching experience in men's basketball and ability to teach physical education is required."

Wood is currently in the process of receiving his master's degree in education from National Louis University and will have his degree by January 1999.

Wood was a four-year starting point guard for Randolph-Macon College.

His most recent coaching experience before coaching at MWC was as assistant basketball coach at Robert E. Lee High School in Northern Virginia. Wood was also the men's golf coach at Robert E. Lee.

"It feels strange. I feel I've done a good job," said Wood about applying for a position he currently holds.

Two years ago MWC hired Wood to coach on an interim basis after Tom Davies resigned in August 1996.

After two seasons Wood has a 24-27 record as coach. More importantly, Wood has brought new life to a basketball program that appeared to be dead before his arrival.

"Starting a new program from scratch would have been easier," said Wood, regarding the dismal state of the basketball program when he first took over as head coach.

Davies, who had coached the men's basketball team since 1978, was on tenure at the time of his resignation.

In his 18 seasons as coach, Davies' record was 180-292. In the March 28, 1996 issue of the Bulletin, players Justin McCarthy, George Bunch and Mike Privett said they would not return for the next season if Davies remained the head coach.

In 1996, Wood led the Eagles to their first winning season in 10 years, earning him Capitol Athletic

Conference Coach of the Year honors. Last season the Eagles finished with a 9-16 record.

MWC hired Wood in 1996 after conducting only a local search for a new coach. No national search was attempted.

MWC's affirmative action policy requires a national search for all full-time tenure track positions.

But two years ago, MWC was forced to name a coach very quickly when they hired Wood on an interim basis.

"We were in an emergency search," said Hall. "Whenever we're filling a position in a permanent way we insist there is a national search."

Dee Lycett, the recruitment coordinator, said MWC is making a serious effort to advertise the search.

MWC has advertised in numerous publications which include the NCAA News, the Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star, the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Black Issues in Higher Education and the Chronicle of Higher Education.

"We're just really getting out

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Karen Pearlman/Bullet

Rod Wood has a 24-27 record after two years as coach.

Cross Country Opens Season In First Place

By Teresa Joerger
Bulletin Assistant Business Manager

The MWC women's cross country team destroyed Washington & Lee last Saturday, sweeping the first nine places and having all 12 of their girls cross the finish line before all but two Washington & Lee women. The men's cross country team also had a productive day, taking the top three places.

Coach Stan Soper was pleased with the women's sweep. "I wasn't expecting that, but it was nice to see," he said.

The women earned a perfect score of 15 (the score is determined by adding the places of the top five finishes from each team) with freshman Beth Santilli and sophomore Jaime Donaruma tying for first place. Junior Julie Rakowski was third, finishing one second behind the leaders. Fourth through seventh were junior Maria Fischal, freshman Christine Chandler, freshman Dana Folta, and sophomore Natalie Alexander, respectively.

"I think everyone ran really well. We worked together and we had fun and we showed everyone that MWC runs together," Fischal said.

"The first meet was a good experience to set the team up for the rest of the season. We had good team camaraderie and we cheered each other on. Hopefully, this meet will reflect how we'll run the rest of the season," Alexander said.

The women enjoyed the course, despite its hills and length. It was supposed to be 3.1 miles, but Soper approximates its length at around 3.4-3.5 miles.

"[The course] was obviously very difficult, very treacherous, but it's a good course to run early and get some hill work on," Soper said.

"It was a tough course, but everybody

did exactly did exactly what they should have done," added Rakowski.

The women were also pleased with their ability to run in packs during the meet.

"It really pulled everybody along," Santilli said.

"We all really stayed together, even if it wasn't the top nine of us together. We all had our own little packs running together, which really pushed [us]," Donaruma said. "This is just showing our depth and that we're ready to get out there and win."

Soper was also pleased with the men's 18-39 victory over Washington & Lee as their first performance of the season.

"The men's team, particularly the freshmen, looked good," he said.

"Everybody ran to their potential. I think we found out a lot about how we're going to work as a team over the season," said junior Jason Van Horn.

Van Horn won the meet with a 28:02 for the five-mile course. Freshman Travis Jones placed second in 28:44, followed by freshman Marc Jones in 28:50. Crossing the line fifth was freshman Brian Walsh, with a time of 29:31.

Freshman Dan Greene completed the course in 29:33, placing seventh. Junior Jim Dugasch ran a 30:40 for 10th place, followed by junior John Rock in 30:56 for 11th, and freshman Ryan Hamm in 31:56 for 12th place.

"I'm just pleased with everybody's performance today, and I know some of the freshmen really stepped up and proved that they put in a good summer and came ready to run," said Van Horn.

The men also found their course to be difficult.

"It was tough, especially the fourth mile—it was all uphill," Marc Jones said.



Karen Pearlman/Bullet

Jason Van Horn keeps his balance as he hurdles over water.

Van Horn Makes It Big At MWC

By Teresa Joerger
Bulletin Assistant Business Manager

He's a brother, a friend and a teammate. He's a student, a runner and a role model. He's Jason Van Horn, the men's returning number-one cross country runner, and last year's Capital Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year.

Van Horn comes from a strong running background, having a brother and a sister who were All-Americans in high school. Despite this, Van Horn did not take running very seriously in high school. He only ran his junior and senior years.

"I really wasn't into running. It was just something to do," he said. "It was afterward that I really got into it. It became a way of life for me. It's something that I couldn't imagine not doing now."

Van Horn admits that he felt pressure to

follow in the footsteps of his siblings, but that is not how he found his love for running. He had to discover that for himself.

"I just enjoy it. I enjoy it a great deal. That's why I do it," he said although he admits he also has a competitive edge.

Van Horn is a transfer student from Northern Virginia Community College, in Woodbridge, Virginia, where he took classes off and on after high school. "I was in a lull. I was not sure what I was going to do," he said.

Van Horn decided to come to MWC when he ran into track coach Skeeter Jackson while helping out at a track meet at Virginia Military Institute. Jackson told him all about MWC, and sold him on the idea.

"I found it really appealing, so I said 'Jackpot,'" he said.

Van Horn is an English major, who hopes to go into teaching. He plans to get certified

after graduating from MWC, or he might go back to school for his master's degree.

"I'll think about that after I graduate," he said.

The best time Van Horn has run so far at MWC was at last year's Virginia State Championships, completing the five-mile course in 26:29. He has also run the Marine Corps Marathon in 1995, when he was 23.

Van Horn set his goals high for this season. He hopes to earn the CAC Runner of the Year award. He also hopes to advance to the NCAA Nationals, an experience that he missed last year by one place. Van Horn is also excited about the wealth of talent on this year's team.

"I am really pleased that the six new freshmen we have stepped up and helped the team," he said. "We now have the talent and depth that we need to make it further this season."

Schedule of Events

Women's Soccer

Sept. 19-20 MWC Classic
Sept. 19 College of New Jersey at the Battleground, 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 20 Elizabethtown at the Battleground, 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 23 St. Mary's at the Battleground, 4:00 p.m.
Sept. 26 Salisbury State at the Battleground, 1:00 p.m.
Sept. 27 Maryville at the Battleground, 1:00 p.m.
Sept. 30 Randolph-Macon at the Battleground, 4:00 p.m.

Riding

Sept. 27 at Richmond, 11:00 a.m.



Men's Soccer

Sept. 19 at Greensboro, 2:00 p.m.
Sept. 23 at St. Mary's, 4:00 p.m.
Sept. 26 Alumni Game at the Battleground, 3:00 p.m.
Sept. 27 Maryville at the Battleground, 3:00 p.m.
Oct. 1 Christopher Newport at the Battleground, 4:00 p.m.

Field Hockey

Sept. 19 York at the Battleground, 2:00 p.m.
Sept. 22 St. Mary's at the Battleground, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 26 at Johns Hopkins, 5:00 p.m.
Sept. 29 Catholic at the Battleground, 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Sweet Briar, 4:30 p.m.

Volleyball

Sept. 19 at Salisbury State, 1:00 p.m.
Sept. 23 at Bridgewater, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 25-26 Elizabethtown Tournament, TBA.
Sept. 30 Marymount at Goolrick, 7:00 p.m.

Cross Country

Sept. 19 at George Mason University, TBA.
Sept. 26 at Dickenson, 12:30 p.m.

Women's Tennis

Sept. 18-20 at Eastern States Tournament, 8:00 a.m.
Sept. 26-28 ITA/Rolex Tournament at the Battleground, 8:00 a.m.

Men's Tennis

Sept. 25-27 at Washington & Lee (Rolex Tournament), TBA.

Baseball

Sept. 19 Bridgewater (DH) at the Battleground, 12:00 p.m.
Sept. 26 Catholic (DH) at the Battleground, 12:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer Loses To Roanoke, Randolph-Macon

By Andrew Rothschild
Bulletin Staff Writer

Although the MWC men's soccer team is off to a 1-4 start to the 1998 season, the general consensus by both team members and head coach Roy Gordon is that their record is not a reflection on how well they have been playing.

Last Wednesday, the Eagles lost 2-1 to Randolph-Macon. In minute 35, junior midfielder Randy Scott took a hard shot from outside the penalty area.

The shot deflected off a Randolph-Macon defender to Guarnieri, who headed the ball into the open net, past the keeper for a 1-0 halftime lead.

The second half, however, was unfortunately, a different story. Twenty minutes into the second half, a Randolph-Macon midfielder flicked on a pass inside the penalty area to an open forward, who beat goalie J.T. Nino to tie the game.

The Eagles' threatened to score often during the second half, but could not find the net.

"One of our problems all season has been struggling at finishing opportunities, and mistakes and bad

luck in front of our own goal," said Gordon.

With 15 minutes remaining, an unmarked Randolph-Macon forward received a cross and volleyed the ball into the net from 10 yards out.

"We played well the first half; we lost the game ourselves in the second. They didn't beat us. We just lost it," said junior forward Brad Kelley.

Against Roanoke the following Saturday, the Eagles dominated the entire game, still falling short 3-0.

Just four minutes into the game, a Roanoke shot deflected off an MWC defender past Nino for a 1-0 lead.

"There's not much you can do when shots deflect off defenders and change direction," said Gordon.

"The thing that is so demoralizing is that the team worked so hard to get ready, and the opposition scores a goal like that early on. Even down 1-0 at halftime, we were playing so well, we thought we could win," said Kelley.

The Eagles had their scoring opportunities as well. In minute 25, sophomore midfielder Brian Sweeney crossed the ball into the penalty area to junior forward Brian Turner.

The Roanoke goalkeeper punched the ball out to midfielder Alex Addison. Addison headed the ball towards the open net, but it was saved off the goal line by a Roanoke defender.

"It seems like nothing is going our way. We used our luck up last year. The final score didn't dictate the way the game went, but in the end, that's what really matters," said Turner.

"We could just as easily be 5-0," said senior midfielder Brad Hopper.

"Last year, all the luck was in our favor. We were the team stealing games. This season we're on the receiving end. It's going to turn around for us, though," said junior captain Kelly Coffey.

Only two players from last year's starting squad are in the same position this season.

It's basically a new group of players although many of them have been in the program before, they haven't played much together.

"The team's focus, desire, and work ethic is there," said Gordon. "They're just struggling now with their lack of success. They know they've been competitive but the scores haven't dictated anything."

Women's Soccer Crushes Roanoke

By Christian Smith
Bulletin Staff Writer

Last Saturday, the Eagles came storming out of the gates scoring three times in the first five minutes in route to a 6-1 victory over Roanoke. The victory boosted their record to 2-1.

Five different players accounted for the six tallies. Captain Johanna Klein had a goal and three assists, Laura Stafford had two goals while Giselle Guarnieri, Ellen Anderson, and Martine St. Germain had a goal each.

For the first time in this young season, the Eagles were consistently making plays develop faster and connecting on passes. The Eagles were held to just one goal in the second half as Roanoke shifted its better players back on defense.

Nonetheless, it was breakthrough game for the offense and the team.

Forward Laura Stafford said, "Overall, we're really starting to come together both offensively and defensively. We were a little down after the Richard Stockton Tournament and wanted to get off to a quick start."

Head coach Kurt Glaeser said it was "by far the best offensive performance of the season."

The Eagles were equally solid on the defensive side of the ball. With sweeper Sarah Downey playing in her first game since recovering from off-season ankle surgery, the Eagles grew stronger as the game progressed.

Freshman goalkeeper Katy Cohen was solid throughout the game. The key to the Eagles' defensive success started with containing Roanoke's two offensive stars, Kim Castle (an All-ODAC selection last season) and

Courtney Gross. Gross was knocked out of the game early in the first half with a possible season ending knee injury.

The Eagles know they can't let this one victory go to their heads. Glaeser was quick to point out that although his team was able to handle the more experienced Roanoke squad, there was no element of pressure to the game because of the Eagles' quick start.

Still, the Eagles have reason for optimism in the near future. The defense should become stronger with the return of Sarah Downey and Megan Salo.

Soccer Update: MWC defeated Virginia Wesleyan 3-0 on Tuesday. Johanna Klein scored two goals.



Karen Pearlmann/Bulletin

Slamming Away The

Competition:

Sophomore Chrissy Stoehr leaps high to return the ball over the net.

The volleyball team entered the year with only four players with college experience. The team is composed of seven freshmen, one sophomore, one junior, and two seniors. However, the Eagles have played like veterans so far. The team is 7-3 after 10 games.

Junior Lisa Skaggs has been a major factor in the team's success. Last year Skaggs finished with 313 kills, 57 aces, and 135 blocks.

Field Hockey Team Catches Fire

MWC Bombs Bridgewater 8-1; Loses To National

Power Lebanon Valley; Survives Franklin & Marshall

By Mike Komssi
Bulletin Distribution Manager

"Mary Washington is very well coached and their players are in great condition and it shows on the field," said Bridgewater college's head coach Sue Lowley following an 8-1 routing against her team last Thursday.

That same presence of good preparation and exemplary conditioning carried the field hockey team north on a road trip to do battle with national contender Lebanon Valley College on Saturday and Franklin and Marshall College on Sunday.

Lebanon Valley advanced to the final four last season. Unfortunately, the same qualities that put Lebanon Valley in the hunt for a national title put MWC away 3-0 in regulation.

The Eagles had 10 shots on the day, but were unable to convert once. Meanwhile, junior goalie Heather Carter played an exceptional game

with four saves. However, the Lebanon Valley offense found a way to convert on the Eagles' tight defense.

"Heather was great," sophomore forward Brandy Nelson said. "We weren't really working together, though."

Head Coach Dana Hall is also staying confident.

"We are just as good as this team," she said. "It's not going to hurt us."

Following the loss on Saturday, the Eagles turned towards Amish Country to play the Diplomats as Jeffrey and Pitts coupled for a pair of goals to win the best-of-five shootout.

The first set of field hockey rankings comes out this week, and MWC hopes to make the top five. This Saturday, the Eagles host their annual parents game against York College of Pennsylvania at the Battleground at 2 p.m.

Carter made seven outstanding

saves as the Eagles took 44 shots on goal, compared to Franklin and Marshall's 17.

MWC's only goal in regulation came unassisted by senior captain Eriq Broome on a penalty stroke with 9:36 remaining in the first half.

The scoreless second half paved the way for a long afternoon as the Diplomats' senior goalkeeper, Audra Krupp, made 29 saves, sending the game into the first overtime.

Efforts by Carter, Christine Jeffrey and Lillian Pitts awarded MWC the victory in the fourth overtime. Carter was able to hold off the Diplomats as Jeffrey and Pitts coupled for a pair of goals to win the best-of-five shootout.

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Sports Results

Men's Soccer

September 9
Randolph-Macon 2 MWC 1

September 12
Roanoke 3 MWC 0

Field Hockey

September 10
MWC 8 Bridgewater 1

September 12
Lebanon Valley 3
MWC 0

Soccer

September 12
MWC 2
Franklin & Marshall 1

Volleyball

September 8
MWC 3 Lynchburg 0
MWC 3 Averett 2

Soccer

September 11
MWC 3 Delaware Valley 2
MWC 3
Philadelphia Pharmacy 2

Soccer

September 12
Lynchburg 3 MWC 1
York PA 3 MWC 0

Women's Soccer

September 12
MWC 6 Roanoke 1

September 15
MWC 3
Virginia Wesleyan 0

Athlete of the Week:

Johanna Klein

Soccer

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there," said Lyette.

On the day that MWC began advertising for a basketball coach, Hegmann met with the men's basketball team to discuss the process.

"We were kind of shocked, but we expected it," said sophomore John Steele. "We knew [a national search for a head coach] was going to happen."

The basketball search committee, which is composed of all the head coaches at MWC, two athletic trainers and Clint O'Brien, the sports information director, will determine the final selection of the new men's basketball coach.

"At the end of the process, we invite the top three applicants and invite them to come to an interview," said Hegmann.

In addition to meeting with the basketball search committee, Hegmann also said a representative group from the basketball team has the opportunity to meet with the three possible candidates and give their input regarding the final selection of the coach.

Hall will meet with each of the three final candidates.

"I make certain all the final

candidates know what they are getting into," said Hall.

Once the basketball search committee chooses whom to hire, Hall has to approve their decision.

"I can veto in the end," said Hall, who added that he could not remember one time in his 13 years at MWC that he has used this power of veto.

A question left to be answered is this—will anyone else besides Wood apply for the job?

"I can't imagine who would apply for the job," said Wood. "I don't expect John Wooden [the former Hall of Fame basketball coach at UCLA] to apply for the job."

One requirement to apply to be the men's basketball coach is three letters of recommendations.

No matter how many other people end up applying, Wood will most certainly be the only candidate to have a letter of recommendation from a member of the MWC basketball team. This should count heavily toward his favor.

"I don't think there could have been a better letter of recommendation than [from a member of the basketball team]," said Wood.

Unlike the situation two years ago when players encouraged Tom Davies' departure, players are endorsing Wood.

"I can't imagine it," said Steele of the prospects of playing for another coach. "This would be my fourth coach since high school. Coach Wood is the best coach I've had by far," said Steele.

Having a coach named and in place to prepare for the 1999-2000 season will be especially important in terms of recruiting.

High school seniors intending to play college basketball are already starting to make their final decision of which school to attend.

"We want to do the search right now so we can get the person named by November," said Hegmann.

As the search takes place and concludes over the next month and a half it could presumably culminate in Goolrick Hall, up the steps to the second floor, down the hallway, and stop inside office 209.

That is the office of the current and most likely future men's basketball coach at MWC. It is Rod Wood's office.

-- staff reports

ENTERTAINMENT

New Gallery Exhibit Displays The Killing Fields



Courtesy of MWC Galleries/Kyle Coble

"War and Peace: An intact Buddha at the ruins embraced by a Khmer."

New Photo Exhibition Gives Personal Insight Into Thailand's Refugee Camps

By Leigh Reveley
Bulletin Staff Writer

Mary Washington College Galleries' new exhibit opens today in duPont Gallery. The exhibit, "After the Killing Fields: Photographs by Kyle Coble of Refugee Camps Along the Thai Border," is a series of black and white photographs.

It is one of the most powerful, human and real shows the college has ever presented, due to the fact that it is the first documentary photography show displayed in MWC's galleries.

The photographs depict images of some of the 200,000 Cambodian refugees who fled the violent reign of Pol Pot and his Khmer Rouge regime.

Approximately one-fifth of the population of Cambodia died during the period in which the Khmer Rouge was in control.

In 1979, refugees were admitted into "holding centers" after they crossed the Kampuchea-Thai border.

At the request of the Thai government, international agencies provided relief service.

Kyle Coble, the photographer got involved when he joined an emergency medical team for the American Refugee Committee.

Coble is a Fredericksburg native who graduated from the University of Virginia in 1970.

In 1971, he attended classes at Mary Washington. Five years later, he received a DDS from Medical College of Virginia-School of Dentistry at Virginia Commonwealth University. Coble now operates a dental practice in downtown Fredericksburg.

The photographs in this exhibit were taken by Coble from January through December 1980.

Due to the amount of relief needed, he traveled around quite a bit, so the pictures were taken in a variety of

camp, small villages and hospitals.

Also included in the exhibit are many of his personal items. These include letters from the people he helped and worked with in the camps, journal entries and a colorful, hand sewn quilt.

"The defining character of the show is how historical, yet personal it is," said Thomas Somma, the director of the college's art galleries. "Any of us can take a magazine or book and open it up and read it, but we have the opportunity to see it through a personal perspective, through a resident who was actually there."

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gallery director

"He was able to bring in a lot of memorabilia and personal items that lend a personal context. A rented show could never do that. This makes it so much more real, it brings it closer," Somma said.

The photographs range in subject from family scenes to mobs of refugees waiting in lines for food trucks.

The exhibit also includes stills from the 1984 film "The Killing Fields."

All of the pictures tell a story and they all give the viewer a first-hand look at the everyday activities that the refugees experienced.

The students evidently are not the only people who will benefit from this exhibit, but Coble has as well.

"It has been a wonderful opportunity for him [Coble] because it has let him go back into his memories. It has brought it all back. He has been contacting old friends, and I think that means so much to him," said Sarah Bass, exhibitions preparator for the galleries.

To say the exhibit is penetrating is an understatement. History is rarely so real that it stares back at you like these photographs will.

The exhibit provides a wonderful opportunity for students and faculty of the college as well as for the Fredericksburg Community.

The exhibit opens today and will be in duPont Gallery until Nov. 1. The gallery will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The famous FILM FIEND

REMEMBERS
AKIRA KUROSAWA



By James Mirabello
Bulletin Entertainment Editor

"Sometimes I think of my death. I think of ceasing to be..."
—Akira Kurosawa

Last week, tragedy struck the world of motion pictures with the death of one of its giants. Akira Kurosawa, an acclaimed film director, died at age 88. He lived a long, fruitful life and directed more than thirty films.

He brought so much to the world of film, introducing innovation upon innovation. But Kurosawa's technical wizardry never suppressed the heart and emotions that he instilled in every angle he filmed.

Quite simply, in the mind of this humble film fiend, he was the greatest director that ever lived.

Kurosawa's influence is so widespread that it is impossible to find a proper place to start. So, let's begin at the beginning...

Akira Kurosawa was born in Tokyo in 1910. He studied to be a painter but eventually turned to film. Those painting skills would prove to serve him well in his new profession.

His first film was "Sanshiro Sugata," which is sort of a deep "Karate Kid." The

movie was a great hit, and Kurosawa became one of the more popular directors in Japan.

In 1950, he directed "Rashomon," which became one of the most influential movies ever made. The plot revolves around the murder of a samurai and the rape of his wife.

This same story was told by four different people, and each perspective is completely different. In the end of the film, the audience is still not sure what is true and what is false.

The plot device of having the same story told from different perspectives is a familiar one. We've seen it everywhere from "Duck Tales" to the Brian DePalma-Nicholas Cage thriller "Snake Eyes."

Back in 1950, this had never been done before and the film industry was blown away. "Rashomon" went on to win zillions of awards including the Oscar for Best Foreign Film.

My favorite film by Kurosawa is "Seven Samurai." The film is about a poor village that is about to be sacked by a bunch of rowdy bandits. Scared beyond comprehension, the villagers hire seven samurai (hence, the title) to protect their village.

Again, this is a familiar plot to today's audiences. Many were probably forced as children to watch the western "The Magnificent Seven," which is the American remake of "Samurai."

"Seven Samurai" is almost flawless from its powerful acting to the thrilling action to the beautiful final shot.

The last image the audience sees is of the burial mounds of the samurai who didn't survive the battle, their swords stuck in the dirt like gravestones. It is a moving shot, and as sad as it is, it is still intensely beautiful.

But if you students of Mary Washington don't believe the Film Fiend about Kurosawa's genius, perhaps you'll believe George Lucas, the imagination behind that national treasure "Star Wars."

Lucas admittedly based several elements of his trilogy on Kurosawa's 1958 film "The Hidden Fortress."

Now, before anybody out there spoils their bristles, let me loudly state that Lucas did not steal "Star Wars" from Kurosawa. This classic sci-fi is a creation of his own.

But in "Hidden Fortress," the audience can watch General Makabe (inspiration for Ben Kenobi) try and protect Princess Yukihiro (Princess Leia) from an evil empire (obvious).

Accompanying our heroes are comic relief in the form of two bumbling, bickering peasants (C-3PO and R2 D2). There are also a few Kurosawa camera angles that Lucas pays homage to in "Star Wars."

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Ska-fest Delivers The Vibes

By Ruth Cassell
Bulletin Staff Writer

Students in the Underground skanked the night away as three bands played at Sunday night's Ska-fest organized by Giant Productions.

The evening started off with Undercover Smooth on the stage. Jane Atticks from Giant Productions tried to liven up the show a bit by skanking, which is the traditional dance to ska, and two other girls joined her.

"I can't believe people can watch a ska show sitting down," Atticks said. Ska is a free form of music in which a melody of horns intermingles with drums, guitar and bass.

It originated in Jamaica from a blend of R&B, jazz and island sounds.

The word received the scoop on ska via West Indian immigration. The name "ska" came from one of the first Jamaican ska recording artists, Clue J, who greeted his friends around town with "Love Skavooie."

"Ska" doesn't stand for anything in particular, except maybe for really danceable music.

Undercover Smooth consists of Jeremy Soehnlin on sax, Allison Ranlein on mellophone, Casey Mcnair on trumpet, Dave Merkli on bass, Shaun Webb on guitar and vocals and Jon Jones on drums.

They are from the Manassas area and



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"Big Pants" plays the trombone.

play around Springfield, Leesburg and Fairfax. They claim that they are "America's most caffeinated band" and masterfully mix pop anthems with elements of Motown, swing and ska.

They showcased their talents in the Underground on Sunday by putting on a very active show, consisting of a skanking lead singer and a simultaneous jumping act performed by Webb and Merkli—an impressive feat considering Soehnlin commented that the stage was not "ska band friendly."

The show picked up energy rapidly

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New CDs This Week At WMWC:

Group	Album	Label
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The Coup d'Etat

Senior Steve Charnoff, head of Giant Productions, is ambushed at the ska-fest by a fellow Giant officer, junior Danielle Williams.

Coming Attractions...

- **Friday, Sept. 18 through Sunday, Nov. 1:** Photo Exhibition, "After the Killing Fields," by Kyle Coble. duPont Gallery. Free.
- **Friday, Sept. 18:** Film, "Desperado" 7 p.m. "He Got Game" 10 p.m. Dodd Auditorium \$1.
- **Saturday, Sept. 19:** Film, "He Got Game," 7 p.m. "Desperado," 10 p.m. Dodd Aud. \$1.
- **Friday, Sept. 25:** Concert, "Bio Ritmo" Great Hall, Woodard Campus Center. 6 p.m. Free.
- **Thursday, Oct. 1:** Festival, "Rocktoberfest," in front of the Underground. 4-7 p.m. Free. Info: ex. 1135

If You Had A Choice, What Superhero Would You Be?

Photos and interviews by Karen Pearlman



"I would be Gumby, because he's flexible, stretchy and gets to ride Pokey."

—Andy Mefferd, senior



"Cal Ripkin, Jr., because he's my personal superhero."

—Jenny Johnson, junior



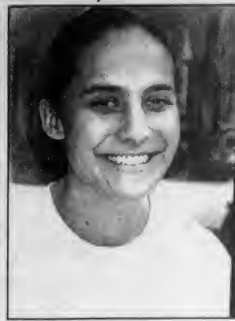
"The Virgin Mary. She was the mother of God; pretty impressive. She must have done something right."

—Joanna Bible, senior



"Aquaman, because he is cool and he has a hook on his hand and he kicks much aquatic ass."

—Chevy Bray, senior



"Wonder Woman, because of her invisible helicopter and lasso of truth."

—Lindsey Barnard, senior

Concert Pianist Showcases Twentieth Century Music

By Tammie Willis
Bulletin Staff Writer

Lynne Mackey, who is in fact a petite woman, created an enormous force on the piano Sunday evening in Pollard Hall as she amazed an audience of students, professors and music lovers with a performance of some of America's most inspiring contemporary music.

A graduate of the Juilliard School and the Eastman School of Music, Mackey focused her performance on the works of some of the greatest and most inventive composers of the twentieth century.

"We are about to turn over the century," Mackey said. "What are we going to say about the music of the last century?"

As Mackey brought to life the music of Robert Schumann, Frederic Chopin, Charles Griffes, Henry Cowell, Ann Silsbee, and Robert Pritchard, she answered her own question.

"Music is reflective of what's happening in the world," Mackey said.

Mackey's performance of Griffes' "The Fountain of the Acqua Paola" alternated between melodies and tone clusters to create both the peaceful and violent sounds of water.

Her rendition of Rzewski's "Winnsboro Cotton Mill Blues" imitated the sounds of a cotton mill, fused with the blues melody of the workers.

Rubin's "Two Train Toccata" actually made the piano seem as if it was having a conversation with itself.

"It's a nice change to actually get to see some of the stuff we learn

about in theory class," said Mary Garraha, a senior music major, referring to the tone clusters and non-traditional use of the piano in Mackey's performance.

"She offered a program that you cannot often offer," said Patricia Norwood, professor of music.

Despite the fact that contemporary music has been written in the lifetime of most of the audience, some say contemporary music is often underappreciated in comparison to classical music.

"I guess the reason we don't hear a lot of contemporary stuff is because it's so demanding on the performer," Garraha said.

In each of the pieces, Mackey used elbows, forearms, wrists, hands and fingers to generate sounds invented by composers. At one point, she even banged on the underside of the piano to make full use of the sounds a piano can get.

"Some pieces are more physically demanding," Mackey said. "But I think all music is emotionally demanding at some level."

Mackey explained that contemporary music takes a long time to learn, and many musicians will find that they do not like the music. Rather than investing the time in exploring a piece, the musicians focus on what they are more familiar with, which is classical music.

"[Contemporary music] is no harder to bring to the stage than any other piece," Mackey said.

As a professor of music and head of the music department at Bluefield College, Mackey encourages her students and all musicians to explore different genres of music.

"Musicians have to explore each piece to find out if they like it," Mackey said.

Mackey, the winner of several competitions and fellowships, was the perfect choice of pianist to help the students of Mary Washington College explore contemporary music.

Through her studies of twentieth-century piano literature, Mackey provided the audience with interpretations and understanding that brought the music into context.

"I liked the way she explained parts because then I could understand," said senior Kristen Ray.

It seems that understanding brings appreciation. Ray attended the recital as a requirement for a class that she is taking this semester. Initially uncertain about attending the performance, Ray decided to come just to get the requirement out of the way. Ray's attitude completely changed after hearing Mackey's performance.

"I'm very excited that I came," Ray said.

On Monday, Mackey held a lecture explaining interpretations and effects of contemporary music. She discussed the various inventions which generate new sounds from the piano.

These new sounds integrate with a more traditional style of music to create the genre of contemporary music. She also discussed the correlation of music and society in the creation of contemporary music.

Through her explorations of contemporary music, Mackey has made the music come alive in both performance and understanding. In doing so, she hopes that more musicians will begin exploring contemporary music.

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Undercover Smooth enjoyed the show as much as the audience.

"Anytime we play, we love it," Merkli said after the show.

The band members also made sure to stay around to check out the next two bands, Skalicious and The Deceptikonz.

Excitement grew as Skalicious set up their equipment and more people began to arrive.

One audience member, freshman Nick Zukas, came specifically to see Skalicious.

"They are from my high school, Chantilly, and I thought I'd come check them out," Zukas said.

Skalicious took the stage with Andrew Garaski on lead vocals and guitar, Ken Barnum on bass and back-up vocals, Jacob Walter on trombone, Dave McGraw on trumpet and Nick Hughes on drums.

They maintained and even heightened the enthusiasm of the crowd.

The floor became crowded with skankers who could feel the powerful melodies, smooth horn lines and tight rhythms in the music of Skalicious.

Bob Franklin, assistant director of Residence Life, said he really enjoyed the band.

"They have the tempo that helps you dance, but doesn't kill you," Franklin said.

Skalicious gave a very fast-paced show which included silly song titles, amusing song lyrics and a very jolly lead singer. The crowd was pumped after the Skalicious set.

"Everyone came together for the common good of ska," said freshman Tricia Pifko. "The vibes have been good so far. I have faith that The Deceptikonz will keep it up."

The highlight act took the stage around 10 p.m. The Deceptikonz claim to have created their own version of ska.

They maintain that faster is better by collaborating the sounds of ska, punk, reggae and metal.

The Deceptikonz consist of Matt



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The Deceptikonz' Mark Lepusic and Jorge Pezzimenti jamming at last Sunday's Skafest.

Kelley on vocals, Jorge Pezzimenti on guitar, Mark Lepusic on bass, "the drummer formally known as Adam" on drums, Big Pants on trombone and Reverend Ike D on tenor sax.

Ike attended Mary Washington College at one point before he decided to go on tour with The Deceptikonz.

One of his old college friends, junior Church Hutton, went to the show.

"I'm glad to see Ike back in town. I really enjoyed the show," Hutton said.

"We are Deceptikonz! We are from your nation's capital!" the band

yelled enthusiastically as they took the stage.

Kelley sustained and elevated the crowd with his in-your-face antics and constant barrage of humorous comments like "Vote Jordan for President."

The skanking continued throughout the Deceptikonz set. Audience members practiced and mastered the art of flinging their arms and legs back and forth with their elbows and knees bending to the beat of the hard-hitting ska.

"We enjoyed playing and the audience was very receptive," Kelley said.

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Kurosawa also launched the career of Clint Eastwood, indirectly. In 1961, he directed "Yojimbo," a violent parody of American westerns. Within one year, the film was remade as "A Fistful of Dollars," starring a young Clint Eastwood.

The film catapulted Eastwood to stardom and created the grizzled, laconic personality the star has maintained throughout his career.

In the late 1960s, producers stopped giving Kurosawa money to film with. There were several reasons for this.

First, he spent a long time on his movies and they often became very expensive. Second, he was a perfectionist, and no matter how long it took, he would work and work until he was satisfied.

This annoyed studios to no end. Because he was so demanding, Kurosawa began to be known as the "Emperor."

Of course, a generation of film students and film lovers took that nickname and made it positive. He wasn't the Emperor because he was a perfectionist. He was the Emperor

because nobody came close to his brilliance.

This generation of film students included such big guns as George Lucas, Francis Ford Coppola, Martin Scorsese and the king of the American blockbuster himself, Steven Spielberg.

When companies refused to give Kurosawa funds, it was these powerful filmmakers who sat down and found the money that the Emperor needed.

Kurosawa's last major film was "Ran," a 1985 adaptation of Shakespeare's "King Lear." The film was nominated for four Academy Awards, including Best Director.

The 75-year-old director exposed his soul in the film, sharing his dreams and nightmares and his thoughts on old age.

"Ran" was a swan song of sorts, and is one of the director's finest achievements.

Kurosawa's career did not end with "Ran." He went on to direct three more small movies, including "Dreams," which featured "Goodfellas" director Martin Scorsese as Vincent Van Gogh.

Kurosawa was working diligently on another film when he suffered a

stroke and died.

The point of this Film Fiend was to show the students of Mary Washington that, although they may not have known who Kurosawa was, they have been touched by his work in some way. His movies are like scripture to film students.

"He's sort of a Shakespeare of filmmakers," said B.K. Faunce, an assistant professor of English and film studies teacher. And he is right.

Kurosawa's influence can be seen in the works of Lucas, Spielberg, hell, almost all the major directors working today.

Americans and Europeans have remade his films countless times, with the remakes starring everyone from Paul Newman to Bruce Willis.

"Saturday Night Live" has even parodied his characters and if that isn't a sign that Kurosawa has become part of our culture, than nothing is.

Most recently, Kurosawa was referenced in the Baranek Ladies' hit, "One Week." Among the rapid fire lyrics is the following line, "Like Kurosawa, I make mad films. Okay. I don't make films, but if I did, they'd have a samurai."

The Emperor may be dead, but he will never cease to be.

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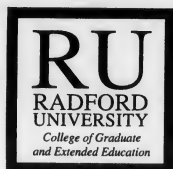
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ELIGIBILITY - "European Capitals" is open to all Mary Washington College students interested in the history, culture and politics of Europe. Yet, there are a limited number of places available for this course and spots will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis.

COSTS - Excluding the tuition for a six-credit course, the cost per student will be \$3,675 until October 15, and then \$3,800 thereafter. This fee includes nearly all transportation expenses, overnight accommodations, breakfasts, one-day excursions, and admission costs to most museums, and cultural sites.

QUESTIONS? - For further details, attend the Study Abroad Fair September 25 in the Great Hall or our information meeting at 5:15 p.m. in Monroe 202 on Monday, September 28. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Blakemore or Mr. Kramer (at extensions 1588 and 1495 respectively).



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The Movie Game

The Movie Game is where you link actors and actresses up through their co-stars, excluding any television programs the actors and actresses might have been in.

Try and solve this week's Movie Game matches!

This is the easy one:

Salma Hayek to Jennifer Lopez

These should be a little harder:

**David Bowie to Prince
and
Martin Scorsese to Stephen King**

Here are the solutions to last week's Movie Game:

Chris Tucker to Bruce Willis (The Fifth Element) - Bruce Willis to John Travolta (Pulp Fiction)

Elizabeth Hurley to Mike Myers (Austin Powers)- Mike Myers to Salma Hayek (Studio 54)- Salma Hayek to Antonio Banderas (Desperado)- Antonio Banderas to Anthony Hopkins (The Mask of Zorro)- Anthony Hopkins to Elle McPherson (The Edge)

This week's solutions were solved by Katharine Kerr and Suzanne Ericson. If you can figure it out, send your answers to the Bullet's Box #604...we'll even put your name in the Bullet! If have any suggestions for how we can improve the Movie Game, please send those as well.

TRADITION page 3

For example, petitions for saving the Language and Special Interest Houses were ignored. The student opposition the administration receives is not "fallout" as Jennifer Watson (assistant director of alumni relations) so wrongly assumes. This opposition does not come from a small group, but from the great majority of the students.

To downplay and ignore student opinion is to deny us our status as able-minded adults who know their own needs.

When I went off to college I expected to be treated as an adult. Why do I feel like I am still in high

school? I believe that the administration views student opinions as bits of fluff that can be overlooked.

Tradition is not the only thing lost with the elimination of these popular student events and privileges. The loss of these events deters from the growth of community spirit and shared memories for both students and alumni.

By taking away these events that bring the different classes together, and the campus together as a whole, the administration inadvertently weakens the pride in and support for the college.

I would not be surprised if future

alumni are not as supportive of this school which chose not to support them during their time at MWC.

The recent change in policy has banned the most popular part of the most well attended student event. In my four years here I have never heard one complaint about Homecoming, nor have I heard of any mishaps or horrible incidents.

Yet again the student body was not informed or asked their opinion about the change.

If the administration would only take the time to ask our opinion, it may be pleasantly surprised that we actually have better and very responsible alternatives.

Kate Foster is a senior.

TAILGATING page 3

Virginia wants to make that much of a statement, then don't let underaged students drink.

Keep the wristband idea and let the of-age alumni have a little fun. After all, this is our weekend. And don't try

to get away with Wood Company selling beer in a tent. I did not graduate from MWC to give Wood Company more of my hard-earned cash.

I don't think the administration conceived a well thought out

alternative to save the tradition of Homecoming. So we are left with another tradition down the drain, along with any alumni dollars MWC hopes to get, including mine.

Anne Mullins graduated in 1998.

BITTERNESS page 3

does that give him the right to trash the misreals when most of the campus enjoys the music?

I've had people say that when I play the music completely relaxes them and other people want to know when I'm going to release a CD. Except for Kevin, most think I do a rather mean interpretation of "Wish You Were Here," complete with vocals. Someone needs to expand their musical horizons.

Catarino's leftover teenage angst I'm sure could be released in other places (perhaps a restroom), not in our school's newspaper. And yes, I read

what was supposed to be amusing, but bitterness is normally to laugh at, rather than to laugh with. I often do laugh at Kevin, as when I pass by him with my guitar, as he hides his face with his clothing or even a box. I chuckle to myself and remember that anyone can get into Mary Washington College.

Another article that was much more worthy of the space it was given was the letter on condoms in the vending machines, giving a good viewpoint that too many people ignore or don't take seriously.

I did think that the letter got a

little over the top at the end; I have never thought about promiscuous sex from looking at a condom. Maybe at pornography, but condoms are nothing more than a form of protection, just like shin-guards and chest-pads.

They're used for a different game (though using a condom for a sport like soccer might be rather amusing). The letter had many good points, but the statements of Christianity in the beginning of the letter was unnecessary, as religion has nothing to do with this issue.

Gavin Dunaway
Freshman

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usually shrug off the endless deluge of flyers in Seacobeck advertising their myriad of God-orientated events, which usually number five per week per denomination (don't these people have home work?).

By the way, I hear Computer and Network Services really enjoys my column. So, good people, especially CANS if you have an extra G3 Power Mac laying around, feel free to shower me with gifts.

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Grant Allows Children Of Faculty, Staff To Follow Parents To MWC

By Neva Trenis
Bulletin Staff Writer

Children of full-time faculty and staff will be eligible to receive full credit for tuition and fees as early as the fall of 1999, according to President William Anderson. "I am determined to have the program operational by next fall," Anderson said. "Right now the guidelines are that it would be for a child of any of our full-time employees who is accepted by Mary Washington as a full-time student. We could cover tuition and fees for that child, but not room and board."

Tuition and fees for the 1998-99 academic year are \$13,674 for in-state students.

According to college officials, the tuition credit will probably only be available to employees who have worked at the college for at least six years. The credit is to be awarded on a "funds available" basis.

Anderson said that the new program, which will be privately funded through donations, will require "about a million dollar endowment."

Phil Hall, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty said that the college has estimated the maximum number of students that would be eligible for tuition credit at any given time and then projected how much money it would cost.

Hall said he recollected the estimate to be about 20 students. "I think we figured that at any one time we might have as many as 20 students supported in this way," he said.

The college has a policy of not drawing more than five percent of an endowment per year, but Hall said that to start the program the college would need a million dollars.

"You would get a million over time, or perhaps even more, to provide for the likely number of students who would take advantage of [the program]," Hall said.

Hall said that if there were ever insufficient funds for all eligible students, the school would have to decide to either give partial tuition credits to the eligible students or to allow only some of the eligible students participate.

"The policy will state that it isn't an absolute guarantee. It will depend on what the situation is when we get there," Hall said.

Anderson said he feels confident that there will be enough funding to fully support the program. 1941 Mary Washington graduate Anabelle Arrington has recently set up a matching funds campaign to raise money.

According to Anderson, Arrington, who received the Mary Washington College service award in 1989 and an honorary doctorate at last year's commencement, has given \$150,000 to the campaign so far, and plans to donate more in the future.



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Senior Lecturer of Mathematics Patricia Dean's daughter, junior Amanda Dean, can receive a tuition credit due to a grant.

Arrington said that she has not established the exact amount of money she plans to give to be matched by other donors.

"It will probably be \$400,000 or more over a period of time," Arrington said.

Anderson said that the guidelines for the program are being developed by Hall and the Faculty Affairs Committee. Hall said the committee reviewed tuition remission policies offered by several other comparable colleges to begin to draft the guidelines for the plan.

The committee recommended that there be a service provision requiring an employee to be employed by the college for six years, the time required for faculty to become tenured, before that faculty member's child could be eligible.

"These are common policies that other colleges have and that we will adopt when we settle on the final

provisions," Hall said.

"We also want to make this benefit available to the children of employees who have died while serving the college," Hall said.

Anderson said that this program will help faculty and staff members with children to combat the high cost of living in this area and that it will heighten the caliber of education at the college.

"Young faculty and staff now see a real opportunity for their children to go to a top-notch institution—one that they believe in because they work so hard to make it top-notch. That creates better morale throughout the entire place, which means that all the students coming here actually get a better education," Anderson said. He added that it would help the college "continue to attract first class faculty and staff members."

Arrington echoed this sentiment.

"Bill Anderson is always looking for something to be an incentive for bright, young faculty," she said. "When I was ready to give a sizeable donation, this program popped into his mind."

Marie Sheckels, assistant professor of mathematics education and a mother of two school age children said that Anderson's announcement of the new program at a recent faculty meeting was greeted with hearty applause.

"The faculty who were there and the staff who heard about it were very pleased that President Anderson and the college would do this for us," Sheckels said.

Carol Parkinson, secretary for the department of English, linguistics, and speech, is please with the program.

"It is especially nice for full-time support staff because they don't have a lot of money as state employees and they have children that they would like to send to a four-year institution like this but many may not be able to afford it," Parkinson said.

Roy Smith, professor of psychology, has two daughters who have already completed their undergraduate degrees. He said the program would be good for the entire community.

"This is a real, tangible attraction for employees of the college. It's a wonderful recruitment tool," he said. Anderson said he does not see any obstacles to the implementation of the program.

"As long as you've got a good cause, you can raise the money," Anderson said.

Arrington said she sees Mary Washington alumni as a crucial part of this effort to raise the funds. With decreasing state support for higher education, she said that private donations are essential to maintain the standard of excellence at Mary Washington. She said she received a great deal from her education here and now she is paying the school back.

Budget & Finance Third in a Series of Articles

Out-of-State Tuition Costs Increase

By Mark Agee
Bulletin Staff Writer

Although the state recently froze the cost of tuition for in-state students, the cost of an MWC education for out-of-state students is still rising. For out-of-state students last year, tuition and fees increased 5.6 percent.

"There has been a statewide freeze on in-state tuition in effect since 1995-96," explained Midge Poyck, executive vice president and chief financial officer. "The General Assembly does not impose restrictions on out-of-state increases; this is where colleges and universities have the most flexibility to find increases in their educational and general programs."

Out-of-state students are required by law to pay 100 percent of their own education. As costs increase, the costs to the students follow.

Since the 1994-95 school year, out-of-state tuition has increased a total of 17.26 percent, or 3.45 percent a year while in-state tuition has remained constant.

"The actual increase by year has varied widely from 7.5 percent one year to only 1 percent another, to no increase another, to eight percent this year," said Poyck. "Obviously, there is no standard amount."

All students saw their fees go up. The comprehensive fee went up \$82, and there is a new technology fee which is \$36. This accounts for the \$118 raise in cost for in-state students.

The comprehensive fee covers funding for student organizations, athletic programs, events, and is an auxiliary operating budget for the college. The new technology fee is used to support the colleges network upgrades, new equipment, and similar expenses.

"Comparing with prior years, it is more than what students have seen in the immediate past couple of years, mostly because the General Assembly gave the colleges and universities authority to invoke a technology fee in 1998-99," said Poyck. "In doing so, they required that it could not exceed 1 percent of in-state tuition and required fees, thus the \$36 charge."

"All tuition goes to support the educational and general programs of the college," said Poyck. "Increases in tuition go toward the increasing expenditures in all of these areas, most often due to salary increases."

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manager, she has never received a preliminary budget request from the finance committee in March like all of the other programs.

Galbra-Bright hopes to hold budget hearings earlier this year.

"So they will have a solid number of what we want, so hopefully they can accommodate our needs," Galbra-Bright said.

Cedric Rucker, associate dean of student activities, said the trimming of the clubs proposed budgets comes from a combination of forces.

"We are all in the same boat. They have to work with what they are given and it is a challenge to try to meet those diverse needs," Rucker said.

The cuts could have been deeper, but another source stepped in with some extra money. Originally, the cut on the proposed budget requests was 15 percent, but Galbra-Bright, and Brooks L'Allier, student government president, received a 5 percent increase from Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs. The increase brought the budget allotment to \$370,000.

Galbra-Bright said the clubs and organizations are aware of the possible cuts after the preliminary budgets are given.

"We let the groups know what their suggested budget is going to be. The amount the club will get depends on the amount we receive from the Office of Business and Finance."

According to Galbra-Bright, the 10 percent cut on the estimated budget proposals allows approximately \$80,000 to be earmarked to three funds run by the finance committee: general funds, speaker funds and technical funds.

These funds are set aside for clubs and organizations when they need extra money from the committee to pay for conferences or to help finance an event, speakers and contractual arrangements such as disc jockeys and skilled services and for miscellaneous items like new computers or broken furniture.

Galbra-Bright said a "good number of clubs" use these funds for needs that arise throughout the year.

White said finding more money is not easy, but an organization can turn to cosponsors, back to the finance committee or fund-raisers.

Amanda Goebel, vice president of judicial review board, said they have a small budget considering the importance the board has on the school system.

"We handle a lot for the student body. Everything we have to do we have to worry about money," Goebel said.

But Thompson does not see any reason to increase the budget because in June there was approximately \$60,000 unspent, and the year before there was approximately \$80,000 left over as well.

"It is hard for us to see why they need more money when this much money is left," Thompson said.

Galbra-Bright doesn't know how the committee can stop this excess amount. He said it wouldn't be fair to ask money not yet spent from a club and give it to those clubs who need it.

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do more harm than good. It's setting boundaries and putting lines between ages," Frye said. "Homecoming is supposed to be about coming home to college, not coming home to a tent. It's not called 'Tentcoming.'"

Students, of-age and underage alike, are angry over the decision as well. Some students say Homecoming day was one day of the year that brought students and alumni together to party and support the MWC teams. Now those students feel like the administration is taking away that tradition.

"To ruin a day that's been historically a fun day for everybody, when there isn't a single other fun day at this school any other time of the year, is beyond me," said Brian Carpenter, a junior.

Vesla Weaver, a sophomore, agreed.

"I don't think it's appropriate that they can just take away something that we've had for a really long time and that the students look forward to every year," Weaver said.

Some athletes on sports teams are also concerned about the effects of the changes. Kelly Coffey, a junior who is captain of the men's soccer team, said the athletes love the crowds attending Homecoming games.

"Homecoming's been all about the atmosphere. The electricity in the stands has been amazing the last two years, and to take that away is just ridiculous. I think not having tailgating at the game will take a lot away from the game and will dampen the atmosphere," Coffey said.

But there are some students who said they can see the administration's point of view. Mike Blake, a senior, said the focus of Homecoming shouldn't just be about alcohol, and the administration is just upholding the law.

"I'm not surprised the school has an obligation to obey the law," said Blake. "It's one of the few events where it feels like the school feels like a community, but it is kind of rallying around the wrong thing."

Lindsey Morgan, a senior and vice president of the student government association, agreed.

"Just remember that Homecoming's for the alumni, not just for the students," Morgan said. Morgan also said that MWC's alcohol policy is regarded as an example for other colleges in the state, and it wouldn't make a good impression if state law weren't enforced.

"With President Anderson on the task force, our school is made an example for the whole state. They [administrators] would be hypocrites if they said it was okay here," Morgan said.

Rebecca Greene, a senior and chair of the legislative action committee, said she realizes that the Homecoming changes were necessary.

"As much as I'm known to bash the administration, this one isn't their fault," Greene said. "They needed to work with the attorney general's office on this."

Students who don't agree with the decision, however, are making other plans for Homecoming weekend. Many alumni said they have cancelled their plans to return for the event, and others said they'll go elsewhere to celebrate.

"After talking to a couple of my buddies, we're trying to make alternative plans," Watkins said. "They [administrators] are taking all of the fun out of it. I would hope that my tax dollars are spent on something more than stopping people from drinking a few beers with their friends."



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